



January News

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Dear Parents and Other Important Adults,

Happy New Year! We are off to a great start in January. Here are a few important reminders for this month:

- Our Grade Ones are growing more independent by the day. Beginning this month, **students will be dismissed from the classroom instead of from the school yard.** They are very excited about this new responsibility. Please continue to wait for your children on the school yard. If they do not find you on the tarmac, they are instructed to wait with the duty teacher until their "person" arrives.
- Currently, there are **no pizza days** scheduled for January. Thank you for packing a full lunch for your child on Thursdays!
- **Report cards** will be going home in early February. **Regular attendance** at school means that your child will be present for important instruction and assessment leading up to report cards. Thank you for your help with this!

Yours in learning,
Mrs. Buehler

Literacy At Home:

Please keep up with Home Reading and practicing your weekly WWW (word wall words)!

We are focusing on word "chunks" this month. Word "chunks" (eg. -ack, -est, -ill, -ug) are much more reliable than using phonics to sound a word out.

- When your child gets stuck on a word when reading, ask, "Do you see a **chunk** you know?"
- When your child is practicing word wall words (e.g., "kick"), ask, "Do you know any words that rhyme with kick?" (e.g., sick, brick, thick). Challenge your child to write a list of rhyming words.

Learning Goals This Month:



In Math, we are practicing:

- Counting by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to 50 and counting backwards from 20. (Use the hundreds chart included in this newsletter to help your child practice.)
- Writing number stories involving simple addition and subtraction.

In Science, we are investigating seasonal changes in Winter.

In Social Studies, we are learning about responsibilities through classroom jobs. We are learning about the importance of rules when playing board games!



Hundreds Chart

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Skip Counting Song (to the tune of "Skip To My Lou")



Counting together can be fun! Let's all count now, first by ones. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5... How high can you count now?	Skip counting can be fun, too! Let's all count, this time by twos. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10... How high can you skip count?
We love counting way up high! Let's all count, this time by fives. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25... How high can you skip count?	Do you want to count again? Let's all count, this time by tens. 10, 20, 30, 40, 50... How high can you skip count?