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Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



December 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Kindergarten	6	7 Kindergarten	8	9 Kindergarten EA Rawlinson "Beauty and the Beast" Christmas Meal	10
11	12 Kindergarten	13	14 Kindergarten Christmas Concert "Reindeer School" at 6:30 (Doors open at 6:00) Dress Rehearsal 1:00	15 Candy Cane Day	16 Long Winter's Nap Day	17
18	19 Kindergarten Holiday Cheer Day Santa Store	20 Long Winter's Nap Day	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 New Year's Eve
Classes resume Wednesday, January 4th, 2022						

S.L.C. are so excited to host the Santa Sale! We are asking for donations of good quality used items that our students can purchase for a small fee to give as Christmas gifts. This is a way for you to get rid of unwanted quality items and feel good about doing so. It is also a time that our students are able to shop for family members without having to be driven to town. Also, we would appreciate any gently used Christmas gift bags, wrapping paper, gift tags and tissue paper. We thank you in advance for your donations.

In the Christmas spirit, our S.L.C. elves need time to get all the donations organized and ready. We are asking that the last day to drop off donations be on Thursday, December 15th so we can set up on Friday, December 16th. Items will be priced fifty cents to five dollars. Each classroom will have the opportunity to work with S.L.C. to pick out the perfect item for each person on their list.

Please let your child's teacher know if there are any family members who are available to help set up, or work the Santa Store.

We greatly appreciate all your support!

Principal's Message

December is here!

December will be busy and as fun as we can make it at Spruce Home Public School!

We have just completed Parent/Teacher Interviews. These went well, and it was wonderful to see so many of you make the time to come in for these. If you were unable to make your interview, please contact your student's teacher if you haven't had contact already.

We have been fortunate to have a live and in-person Scholastic Book Fair again. It was a great fair and the kids and their teachers all enjoyed getting their hands on some new books.

We are scheduled to attend the Christmas play at the EA Rawlinson Centre on the morning of December 9th. We will be watching Beauty and the Beast. When we return from the play at noon, we will enjoy our Christmas Dinner put on by the School Community Council and our parent volunteers. Yum!

We are also thrilled to be able to have a live and in-person Christmas Concert this year! It will be awesome! The children are excited and the performance will be great. The concert will take place on December 14th. We are, as always, doing a full dress-rehearsal in the afternoon, and strongly encourage anyone able to attend that show to help alleviate overcrowding at the evening show.

Our Santa Sale is back on December 19th. A note will go home for the children to compile their shopping lists and parent volunteers and older students will help out to make sure it is a success.

Our last day of school before the Christmas Break is December 20th. School will reconvene on January 4, 2023! I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with loved ones and be safe.

Carol Ann Short

Grade 1/2 News

Welcome to December! In English Language Arts in Grade 1/2, we will be studying Fairytales which ties nicely with the EA Rawlinson school trip to view Beauty and the Beast this month! In Art, we will be focusing on dancing in preparation for the Christmas Concert. We will also create some seasonal visual art projects. In Science, we are going to be starting the Air and Water unit. In Social Studies, we have enjoyed the play and exploration doctor and dentist kit to wrap up our Community unit. In Health, we have been learning about respect and how to role play using respectful words in various situations that occur during the school day (ex: "Can I please borrow your eraser?"). In Grade 1 Math, we recently celebrated the 50th day of school! We counted various objects and grouped them into groups of 10. We have been learning to add to 10 using ten frames and various tools (pom poms, rocks, gems, and buttons). I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break!



Grade 3/4 News

As we head out of fall and right into winter the grade 3/4 students will move into some winter art projects by making a glittery snow globe and designing an ugly Christmas sweater. This month they will also be making a plan for a new suit for Santa and write about why it would be the perfect new suit for Santa. In Social Studies we have been talking about the importance of Agriculture in Saskatchewan and in Science we have been examining the properties of Rocks and Minerals. This month is full of many exciting events such as the Christmas Meal, Santa Sale and Christmas Concert so it is going to fly by! Thank you to all of you who were able to make it to Parent/Teacher interviews, it was good to connect and put a face to a name. Christmas Concert practicing will begin shortly and the students will enjoy performing for all of you on Dec. 14th. Look forward to seeing you all then!



Grade 5/6 News

A huge thank you to families for your support by connecting with me during Student Led Parent-Teacher Conferencing. Students are working hard at completing and handing in Term 1 assignments. The Developmental Reading Assessment is being administered to identify student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. When the comprehension portion is completed, we will be conferencing to identify student's reading strengths, and to set goals for reading improvement at school, and home.

In math, Grade six are extending their understanding of multiplication and division to decimals.

As the holiday season approaches, in the classroom we are looking forward to practicing for the upcoming Christmas concert, shopping at the Santa Store, creating tree ornaments, and participating in Christmas Spirit Week.

Please encourage your child to continue participating in the home reading program to improve reading engagement, oral reading fluency and comprehension strategies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with me by giving me a phone call, message by email or Edsby.

Mrs. S. Hill

Grade 7/8 News

Welcome Spruce Home School parents! We are already in our 4th month of school and we're excited to share what we have been working on so far! For ELA/Social Studies narrative writing, we have completed presentations on the Remembrance Day about the Raid on Dieppe, the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and Peace in the Balkans. The process of making these presentation required research, fact-checking, editing, and teamwork. We either presented live or recorded our presentation. For speaking in E.L.A we presented the Remembrance Day Service. Some people were speaking in front of a live audience while others were recorded previously. Our focus was on speaking loudly, slowly, and clearly while maintaining fluency. The 7/8 class would like to thank the families who came to watch our presentation and the students who contributed to it. The school worked hard to complete it in time for our service.

In math, the grade 8's have been working on and just finishing a unit on percents decimals, and fractions and now are moving forward into ratios and rates. In our grade 7 math classes for the month of November we have been working on BEDMAS with decimals. We will be finishing it pretty soon. We have been working on improving our reading comprehension for the past four months and are currently completing our DRA's. We are putting our best work into them this week and are excited to finish them to see our growth.

This year we are going to have the Christmas spirit! Reindeer are going to school, AAHH what will we do? Let's find out!! Each student in grades 7/8 gets a part in the play to become a character for this crazy rollercoaster. Our class makes/gathers all the props and our costumes. But the best part is, performing our play in front of everyone. Please join us on December 14th at 6:30 to see what happens when reindeer go to school. While the weather agrees and until the snow melts, Mrs.Stasiw will be taking the 7/8 class outside to participate in fun activities like cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. If you have kids in the 7/8 class please make sure they are dressed for outside activity everyday. This month was a blast and we can't wait to see what December has to offer with many Christmas activities!

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Christmas Spirit Days

Thursday, December 15th – Candy Cane Day

Dress red and white like a candy cane or striped clothing.
S.L.C. will be handing out candy canes to all students.

Friday, December 16th - Long Winter's Nap

Wear your favorite Christmas slippers and pajamas, or your most cozy pajamas.

Monday, December 19th - Holiday Cheer

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, vest or ugly Christmas sweater.
Add accessories like a tie, holiday headwear, earrings, socks or a necklace.

Tuesday, December 20th - Long Winter's Nap

Wear your favorite Christmas slippers and pajamas, or your most cozy pajamas.

S.L.C. Members

Mya, Sarah, Ella, Taylor, Annalee, Katie, Bresais, Kate, Abigail, Shannon, Elizabeth, Tila, Sara and Colin



Hello from the SCC! This year our focus is on bringing things back since COVID prevented so many activities, as well as focusing on fundraising for new playground equipment. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to purchase playground equipment, in a multi-year strategy. The structure will be bought in sections, so they can be installed sooner than later. Our first goal is to purchase one section of the play structure, with it being installed during the spring of 2023; this way, more students can enjoy the structure before they move on from Spruce Home and for the current children to start enjoying it as soon as possible. Our first fundraiser is the Family Pizza one, and we are already blown away by the support. Over the Christmas season, please keep your bottles/cans as we are going to have a bottle drive, with drop off locations at the school or Sarcan in January – this helps you get rid of holiday clutter and us with fundraising! We will be sending out letters to be distributed to local businesses as well and will be requesting each families help to distribute to businesses, they have a personal connection to. Stay tuned for more information regarding the bottle drive, letter campaign, and all other initiatives. If you are interested in helping with any fundraising, please email us at shsplayground@outlook.com. The SCC is also excited to welcome back the Christmas Dinner for all students to enjoy! While the students are at the Beauty and the Beast presentation, we will be busy prepping the Christmas Dinner to be served in the gym. As Christmas approaches, enjoy the time with your family and kids. Safe travels, fingers crossed for healthy families, and happy holidays.

Family Math Challenge

November answers

1.

	hour	1	2	3	4	5
time	9	8	7	6	5	4
letters	26	22	18	14	10	6

2.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
lupe	70	66	67	63	64	60	61	51	58	54	55	51
	-4	+1	-4	+1	-4	+1	-4	+1	-4	+1	-4	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Elena	70	69	67	66	64	63	61	60	58	57	55	54
	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1	

December Questions

1.

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A		B	
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2	3	1		
6	3	4		
4				
		6		

Ed Support

Executive Functioning skills.

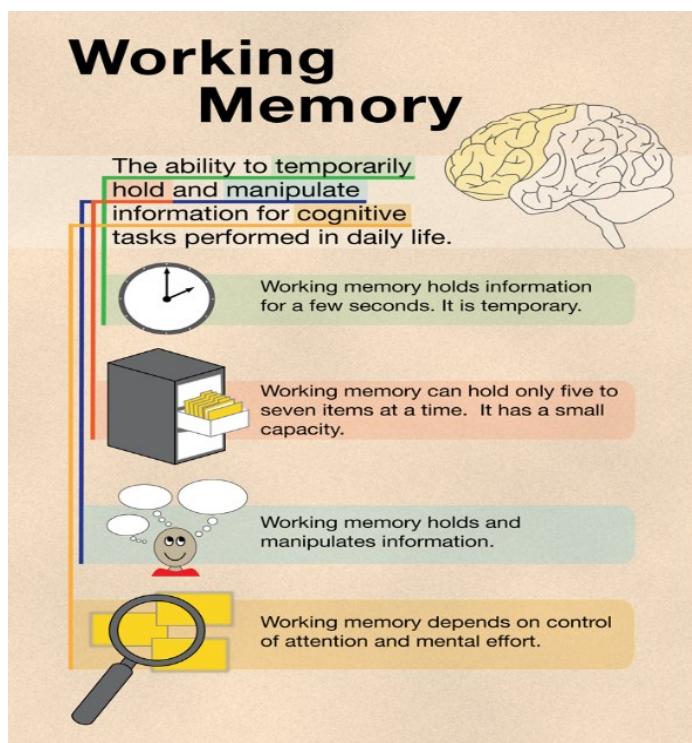
These skills are a set of mental processes that help us with every day tasks. There are eight different categories of skills: impulse control, emotional control, planning/prioritizing, flexibility, working memory, self-monitoring, task initiation and organization. These are skills that everyone needs and we all have our strengths and weaknesses within these categories. Each month we will look at one skill and some things you can do at home to practice the skill.

Working Memory:

Working memory is the ability to hold information in your mind while performing a task. For example, holding numbers in your head from a math question while inputting them into a calculator. There are two types: verbal and spatial. Verbal working memory is following steps given verbally, whereas, spatial working memory is the ability to envision something in your mind such as a layout of a room. People who have difficulty with this skill may appear to day dream often, abandon activities before they are complete, forget how to continue an activity that has been started.

Here are some things to do to practice working memory.

1. Play matching games
2. Play memorization games (have a list of pictures, words, numbers and look at them for 1 minute cover the page and try to redo do the list.)
3. Chunk the information. Give your child only 1 or 2 instructions at a time.
4. Spotlight. Only focus on one task at a time, try not to multitask.



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