


January 2018 E.C.S. Newsletter



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank-you so much for all the wonderful Christmas wishes and gifts I received. I love them all! My family and I enjoyed my gifts and goodies over the holidays and I will be enjoying some well into 2018! Wow! I feel honoured to be part of your child's life! I am looking forward to a wonderful 2018 and wish you all the best in the New Year.

As you know, we had a very busy month in December including making gifts for our parents and practicing and performing our songs at the Christmas concert. In early literacy, we learned the letters C, O and N. We also continued to learn to listen for the sounds of letters in words using sound segmenting mats and by "stretching" words. For increased success, you can use the Sound Friend book to review letter names, sounds and gestures with your child. Have your child read their blue Reading Friend book pages to you too. Students may colour the pictures and are encouraged to complete the practice pages. I check both books daily for completed "homework". In December, we learned about syllables and how to count syllables in words. In early numeracy, we discussed 3-dimensional objects such as objects shaped like a can, a cone, a box (if a box has squares on all 6 sides, we call it a cube) and objects shaped like a ball. See if your child can find or notice 3-dimensional objects at home or when shopping. We will continue to explore 3-D objects in January.

Our themes for January will be Snow, Winter Activities and Dinosaurs. In early literacy, we will be learning about conventions i.e. there are capital letters at the beginning and periods at the end of sentences. We will also be retelling stories. Your child will have a new grade 3 reading buddy from now until Spring Break. In early numeracy, we will

be comparing 2 sets of up to 5 objects, showing a given number in 2 parts and using visualization to identify a missing set.

In January, we will be starting a "guessing game" for Show and Tell. Please help your child to think of three clues for one of their Show and Tell items. For example: **1.** It starts with b. **2.** It is brown. **3.** It is soft. Students will have the opportunity to guess what the item is or ask another clue question. For example: "Is it round?" → "No it is not round" " "Is it an animal?" → "Yes it is an animal" "Is it a bear?" → "Yes it is a stuffie bear!" You are also welcome to send in (up to 3 items in total) other Show and Tell items that your child would like to share with the class. Please do not send toy guns, knives or toys that "shoot" or can "hurt" someone. It would be great if one of the items your child brings in starts with (or ends with) the letter we are learning. This helps your child and the entire class learn letter sounds and provides a challenge for students when it is their Show and Tell day. Thanks for your help!

As always, feel free to come see me or call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress. I am looking forward to a fantastic 2018!

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Wrubleski