Mrs Coulas’ Classroom Newsletter
Happy birthday to Taylor on the 19th and to Isaiah on the 28th!!
Wishing health and happiness for all families in 2016!
What acts of Mercy is your child doing at home?

Curriculum This Month

Math: in math, we will finish our unit on measurement, and also begin working with money. We will expand on our knowledge of telling time. We always work on number sense (including addition and subtraction), data management and problem solving. Practice with money, including giving change and telling time to the hour, half-hour and quarter-hour (grade 2’s) are encouraged.

Language: in both reading and writing, we will finish our work with retell/recounts. We will also begin looking at the descriptive format. The students will also be creating speeches, and orally presenting them to the class.

Social Studies: We will continue with comparing the traditions of our community and other global communities.

Science: We will continue to work on air and water in the environment.

Upcoming Events

-For interested students, the practices for the School Spelling Bee will begin later in January. This is an extra-curricular activity – not mandatory. Practices will be during morning recess – a few times a week. If your child signs up, practice at home is also encouraged.

-Chess practices, in the classroom, have begun during lunch. Students play while eating, and then go outside for regular recess. This too is an extra-curricular activity. This is also a wonderful ‘math’ activity!

-The grade 2 students will be starting First Reconciliation and First Eucharist lessons during regular class time.

-From time to time, during phys ed, the students will make use of the outdoor rink. They will need their skates AND helmet on those days. There will be a note the day before, in his/her agenda.

Housekeeping

-Every parent is encouraged to continue to initial/sign their child’s agenda, daily. Let’s aim for 100%!

-Scholastic Book orders are due before the 15th of the month. Bonus dollars go towards new books for our book bins. Thank you to everyone who purchased books!

-Nightly reading of books from the Reading Duotang (and orally answering the provided questions), along with nightly practice of the wordlist words are the only assigned homework for your child. This should only be taking a total of 20 minutes per night. If you have concerns, please let me know.

Thank You!!!

-A huge thank you to all the parents who supported their child by bringing them to the St John Bosco Christmas Mass/Concert. Everyone did an excellent job singing!

-A very special thank you to all the parents who provided fruit and crafts for our fundraiser for the local hospital!! Thank you to Erin Plebon, Melissa Kutchkoskie, Karen Shalla, June Clouthier and Sara Ridout for helping create the fruit kebobs and smoothies. A special thank you to Mrs Greene and Mrs Yandernoll for donating hand-made crafts and dishcloths! We raised $457.40!!! What a wonderful way to help others at our wonderful hospital! God Bless your generosity!

Great News!!!!
I have been benchmarking the students – and many students are moving up 2 or more levels! Listening to your child read on a daily basis is a wonderful gift you can give your child today!

Sad News……
At the end of this month, we will be saying goodbye to our co-op student, Sara Ridout – who has been coming in daily, to listen to the students read, and to do other phonics/sight word activities with the students. The students always enjoyed reading to her! We wish her continued success – in school, studies and work!