

# December News

2016

## Christmas Hampers

Our Christmas service project is set to begin. As we have done for the past several years, our school will be preparing Christmas hampers for some less fortunate families from Sifton School.

Starting next week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donation for the hampers.

Please consider supporting our sister school with the kindness and generosity that our school community has become known for.



## Dear parents,

Can you believe that it is already the month of December!?! The year seems to be flying by. In fact, there are only three short weeks left until Christmas vacation. This is a busy time of year, including in the classroom. As a result, our schedule for the next few weeks is jam-packed. Read on for more information about our classroom activities.



### Save the Date!

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Advent Celebration  
in the gym at 2 pm

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Early Dismissal

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 1 to 6  
evening Christmas  
concert

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Christmas Lunch  
Last day of classes  
before Christmas  
break

## Christmas Dinner

It is a tradition here at EMP to have a classroom Christmas dinner the last day before Christmas vacation begins. This year, our dinner will be held on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A letter regarding this special meal will be sent home in the coming days. Please be sure to return the bottom portion of the letter to school as soon as possible, as it is required for planning purposes. Also, please note that this special dinner is held during the lunch hour and is for students only.

## Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, which is when our Christmas concert will be held. For more information about this event, including ticket information, please see Friday's Poburan Post.



## Winter has arrived...

Just a reminder to please be sure that your child is prepared to go outside at all times. It is hard to predict the weather, so please send your child with ski pants, mitts, a hat and a warm coat on a regular basis. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

## Beautiful Junk!

If you have any clean two-liter milk jug lids, or small boxes, please send them to school, as we would **love** to put them to use in the new year!



## Grade 1

### Math

In the next few days, we will finish our numbers to 20 unit and we will be moving on to addition and subtraction of numbers up to 12. You can help support your child at home by continuing to practice numbers, as well as counting backwards. You might also wish to highlight every day math experiences.

ex: You have 12 Smarties and mom or dad eats 5, how many Smarties do you have left?

What a wonderful way to learn together (and sneak a few Smarties)!

## Grade 1

### Sciences

The students enjoyed a wonderful hands on learning experience when they were able to take part in the 'Hands on Science' special in school presentation.

They learned all about the five senses; touch, taste, smell, sight and sound by taking part in a variety of themed activities and different centers.

This would not have been possible without our wonderful parent volunteers! Thank you! We will continue to learn about our senses throughout the winter.

## Grade 2

### Math

Next week, we will be finishing our numbers to 100 unit, and we will be moving on to addition and subtraction of numbers up to 18. This will be a good review of what they learned last year in grade 1, before going one step further with numbers up to 100 later in the school year. In order to help them practice and review strategies they learned last year, please take the time to practice doubles and counting forwards and back from any given number up to 20.

## Grade 2

### Math

Grade 2 students will begin to learn about the different properties of liquids with cooking and household/kitchen items.

As most of you know, recipes can become disastrous if you add, or do not add enough liquid, they may also not succeed if you do not mix the liquids properly.

They will also learn about the different states of liquid, vapor, ice, water.

Include your child in your daily cooking, have fun seeing what they know!

We will continue learning about liquids in the month of January.



## Thank-You

*Thank you again to all the parents who took the time to meet with me during parent-teacher interviews. It was a pleasure meeting with you and discussing your child's progress. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.*

*Merry Christmas!*