

SPECTACULAR WINTER HAPPENINGS IN SPECIAL NEEDS

Incredible! November is gone, December is here and Christmas is just around the corner! We have been working really hard and I am incredibly proud of all the students in my class. I think the progress reports are an excellent indication of the tasks we undertake on a daily basis, and we will continue to persevere and do our very best!

The literacy focus this term continues to follow the star strategies, with a focus on critical thinking. We have been part of an amazing unit about an ordinary girl named Mary. Ask your child about Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed. It is incredible and shows just how easy it is to make a difference! Math continues along the road of numeracy and the introduction of patterning, as well as data management. Our kindergarten survey was very successful. Most students were able to tally the votes and transfer the information to a bar graph independently. Everyone is working very hard and striving to be the best they can be.

November has been a fairly busy month with a couple of outings, allowing us to practice our social skills in public and reflect on all the things we practice at school. We returned to the YMCA on the 17th and it was a tremendous success! We work on our cooperative skills in the gym with an amazing array of equipment at our disposal and it is an enjoyable hour of our day. Everyone looks forward to Thursday afternoons at the Y! Our trip to SNAP was, as always, an amazing experience! Brock runs a wonderful special needs program and we are very fortunate to take part in this endeavour. I am waiting for the email for the winter session so I will keep you posted when a date has been confirmed.

Our character trait for the month of November was kindness, reflective of Random Act of Kindness Day on November 4. All of my students are incredibly kind all the time, and really try to be helpful and treat everyone as they would like to be treated. I would like to congratulate Steph Murfin and William Hudson for showing incredible kindness to all their friends. William has been a terrific friend to Ismael and Steph is just lovely! We are very proud of both of these students. Well done!

A special happy birthday to Conner Hincks, who turned 10 years old on November 21st!

We have some special events coming up in December as you are well aware of. Most of you have returned the necessary permission forms and I thank you for that. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. We have a busy week in the middle of the month but it will be a ton of fun! We are really looking forward to our movie day at Stevensville. Don't forget to wear your pyjamas!

Finally, the cold weather is approaching. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather! This includes a winter coat, hat, mittens, and boots if necessary. We go outside twice a day (unless it is raining!) and it is vital that everyone is dressed warmly so that this time is enjoyable.

Sincerely
Mrs Penner