

Our Monthly Mission

December 2009

Le Noël des Enfants

Our French Immersion students will be showcasing their talents in their Christmas production *Le Noël des enfants*. Please join us Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30pm at the Dream Center.

Thank you for your good-will offering upon entrance this evening.

As the students will be practicing at their venue this date, students must bring a **BAGGED** lunch – no microwaves available!.
*More information to come!

Tid-bits to add to this month's calendar...

Monday, November 30 & December 7

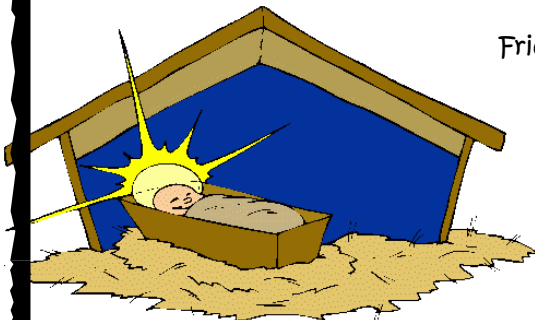
Dictée booklet due to hand in to Madame Cartier – This is the blue 'cahier' - 4 activities initialed (for completeness) by parent/guardian

Tuesday, December 1, 8

Test de dictée – review with your child, sign and return for next school day.

Friday (or Thursday, if applicable), December 3, 11, 17

Hand in "Carnet de lecture" to Madame Cartier to show reading progress.



I can model JUSTICE this month

What does this virtue look like in your home?
At school? When you are with your friends?
Share some ideas with your mom and dad!



The Big Pieces of Our Learning This Month

Religion

As a faculty, we are implementing a new resource that truly embraces and engages children in their Catholic faith. Each month, students will receive four weeks of instruction and exploration of the "Good News" - a program designed for children in Grades 2 and 3, which guide them through scripture, lessons and activities that follow the liturgical calendar. **This month's *Good News* focus:** The Advent Season and the birth of our Saviour.

Mathematics - 2e année

In grade two, students use non-standard measuring tools to establish a baseline for measuring size and weight of given objects. These could include measuring the distance across their desk using **paperclips**, for example, or seeing how many **erasers** it takes to equal the weight of a juice box.

1. I can show how to measure length and weight using non-standard measuring tools.
2. I can compare and order objects based on their length, height, distance around, and weight, using non-standard units of measure.

Mathematics - 3e année

1. I can round to the nearest ten and hundred.
2. I can show greater than and less than using the correct symbol.
3. I can tell the value of Canadian coins and bills.
4. I can show "amount" in different ways, to 100\$.
5. I can 'buy' items up to \$10.

French - 2^e et 3^e année

Our French Language Arts program will focus on the five areas of language development: listening, speaking, reading, writing and representing. Through small group, whole class and independent lessons and practice-and-apply activities, students will have the opportunity to build on their strengths and work on areas of weakness, to foster their growth in the French language. **This month's focus:** language in songs and Christmas-themed writing & reading.



Social Studies - 3^e année

During December and into January, we are meeting the ambassadors of the various countries we will be studying this year. These children - whom we meet through our text readings - invite the students to compare and contrast their home, Medicine Hat, Alberta, with the culture and life in cities within Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine, and India.

The overarching question that we will return to often:
How do children in other parts of the world live?

I can use my text to locate new information about our study.

I can use directions on a map.

I can think of and ask questions that help explore our 'big' question further.

English - Grade 3

To complement our French Language Arts program, students participate in varied-format activities and lessons, to explore and practice their reading, writing, speaking, listening and representing. Our main resource is *Cornerstones: A Canadian Language Arts Program*.

This months' focus: Sentence and paragraph structure, poetry - acrostic and shape poetry and word choice.

Art

Come meet our featured "lesser-known" artist, Edvard Munch. Students enjoyed learning about his life and artistic style, throughout November, and created a watercolour piece (on display this month) to reflect his most famous work: *The Scream*.

November/December medium: watercolour paints & techniques
No artist study this month ~ Christmas-themed art activities


Dictée:

Gr. 2/3 December 2 (quiz: dec. 8)

We will return to dictée in January

Rudolph
bonhomme de neige
le Père Noël
la neige
les cadeaux
l'hiver

Please practice 'sight' words with your child. These words will start coming home during the week of December 14th. They are not formally tested but should be familiar to your child by the end of the school year.



We give thanks to the Lord

for Sierra, celebrating her birthday
on December 16 and for Emma,
celebrating her birthday on
December 23.

We celebrate Advent and anticipate the birth of
our Saviour through *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.*

I wish you and your loved ones a beautiful Christmas
season, filled with all of God's richest blessings!

See you in the New Year!
Mme. Cartier

