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Kingsley Primary News

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Newsletter

Principal's Message - Julie Middleton

The focus for the Character Curriculum this month is on giving and generosity. As a school, we will be talking about how words of encouragement can make a significant difference. We will be setting up mailboxes for each student and sending one another letters of encouragement. This is a great way to tie in some literacy skills, such as how to use the proper letter format. The JK/SK class will have word cards and sentence strips to help them compose letters to friends in the school. We will also be doing a student exchange, in which everyone will be assigned a "secret friend" and we will be leaving clues for each "special friend". We will reveal the "secret friends" before the Christmas break.

Report cards will be going home on Monday, December 5. Please keep in mind that these progress reports are referring to specific curriculum objectives. Due to the fact that there is

space to personalize the report card, it is important to schedule an interview with your child's teacher. Teachers will have their interview

"A person who does things that count, doesn't usually stop to count them."

- Albert Einstein

schedules posted outside of their classrooms. Please sign up for a time that works for you.

I wanted to comment briefly about the standards of reporting.

A letter "A" grade represents a student who **exceeds** the grade level expectations; "B" indicates that the child demonstrates **grade level understanding**; "C" represents understanding that is **slightly below grade level** understanding; "D" and "R" marks reflect **limited under-**

standing.

For the "Learning Skills" section of the report cards, Kingsley teachers use the following descriptions. "**Excellent**" means that the student demonstrates a skill without prompting. "**Good**" means that the trait is displayed on a consistent basis, with few reminders. "**Satisfactory**" indicates that the student requires occasional prompting and "**Needs Improvement**" means frequent reminders are required. I hope that the above is helpful when reviewing the report cards.

Teachers are always assessing student progress as a means for making programming decisions and curriculum planning. We use the Ontario Ministry samples and examples as the standard. A variety of assessment methods are used on a regular basis, such as anecdotal records, rubric, quizzes, oral discussion and culminating activities.

Staff

Principal

Ms. Julie Middleton

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Ms. Rebecca Enkin

Junior Kindergarten

Mrs. Sonia Mead

Senior Kindergarten

Ms. Hilary Beasley

Grade One

Ms. Louisa Florio

Grade Two/Three

Ms. Jennifer Brantley

Grade Four/Five

Ms. Natalie Fegon

French

(Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Ms. Lieve Hendrickx

Music

(Mon/Tues/Wed)

Ms. Rebecca Enkin

Band (Mondays)

Mr. Marc Enkin

Board

Parents:

Paul Cavanagh (Chair)

Erik de Witte

Sarah Noble

Laurie Olszaniecki

Bryce Dymond

Past Teacher:

Michael Morton

Principal:

Julie Middleton

Principal Recruitment

The recruitment team will be starting the interview process this week. We have strong candidates and we'll update you as the process unfolds.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Mead and Ms. Beasley

We enjoyed seeing and chatting with so many of you at Literacy Night last month, and sharing some of the literacy-based activities we use in our classroom every day. If you would like to borrow any of our games to play at home, please let us know. We are always happy to lend them out.

It is hard to believe that December has arrived already! We have seen so much change in each of the students in the three short months we have been together, and we are proud of every child. The Kindergarten Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday, December 5th, and we look forward to meeting with you at the parent-teacher interviews during that week. Please sign up for a time on the sheets located just outside the classroom door.

The students have certainly been enjoying the Dr. Seuss books we have been reading together so far, and in December we will be focusing on two more Dr. Seuss favourites, *Horton Hears a Who* and *Horton Hatches An Egg*. These two

books are the basis for the musical *Seussical*, which we will be seeing at the Young People's Theatre on December 15th. Also this month, we will be exploring 3D shapes, circular stories, magnets, and talking about some of the traditions and holidays that the children celebrate with their



families. Please feel free to approach us and tell us about your family's special traditions, as this will help us and your child to share that information with the class. We will also be busy preparing for our Holiday Concert which will be held on Friday, December 16th.

We go outside almost every day, so

please ensure your child has a warm hat, mittens and boots at school each day. Splash pants or rain pants are a good idea as well. To accommodate the length of time it takes the children to put on all of their cold weather outer wear, we have made a few changes to our morning and afternoon schedules. Outdoor time for the morning program is now approximately 9:25-9:55am with snack following immediately afterward, and the afternoon program outdoor time is after snack, at about 3:00pm each day.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

— Sonia Mead and Hilary Beasley

December Show & Share Schedule

Friday, December 2: something that starts with the first letter of your child's surname

Friday, December 9: something that is a 3D shape (cube, sphere, cylinder, cone, pyramid, or rectangular prism)

Friday, December 16: something special from a family celebration

December 23: no Show and Share

Grade One News

Ms. Florio

The first term has quickly come to a close. With the second term upon us we have already begun preparing for our Winter Concert which will be held on **Friday December 16th from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**, so please mark it down on your calendars. In math we will be starting a unit on 2D and 3D shapes as well as working on adding and subtracting whole numbers to twenty. In language arts we will continue to work on complete sentence structure as well as begin to establish a personal voice through journal entries, writing letters and poems. This term, we will start off our science unit on the body and the five senses. Towards Febru-

ary we will be working on a social studies unit on Community Helpers. If there are any parents that are willing to prepare a short presentation for the class about their profession we



would be thrilled to have you. Please let me know if you are interested and we can work out the scheduling.

We have had a lovely dry fall, but the wet weather is moving in. I would kindly remind you to make sure your child has both indoor and outdoor shoes available every day.

Report Cards will be going home on December 5th. Please sign up for an interview time. The schedule will be posted directly outside the grade one classroom door.

In planning ahead, the AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on January 12th. At least one parent/guardian is expected to attend.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. I'd be happy to set up a time to speak with you.

— Ms. Florio

Grade Four/Five

Ms. Fegon

Many things were happening in the Grade 4/5 classroom in November. We began our data management unit and have been conducting surveys, drawing graphs and calculating averages. In Science the Grade Fours began learning about rocks and minerals, and the Grade Fives started a unit on energy and conservation. Our trip to the Royal Winter Fair was enjoyed by everyone. The students wrote about their experiences. Their writing and illustrations will be



displayed on our hall bulletin shortly. We had the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day, as well as recite John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields".

This month we will begin a new Math

unit on fractions, and we will continue with the science units that were started in November. In preparation for our trip to see "Seussical", the Grade Fours and Fives will do a unit on Dr. Seuss, looking at both the author and his books.

Our holiday food drive will go from Dec. 5 to 16. We'll walk the food over to the local fire station the week of Dec. 21.

Just a reminder: a topic for the second term project needs to be chosen by Dec. 16.



Grade Two/ Three News — Ms. Brantley

The Grade 2/3 has been busy this month. We went on an autumn photography hike. The students took photos of trees and colourful leaves and then created collages to display their images. In Science, both groups have been busy

learning about the growth and changes in animals and trees. They are currently working on habitat dioramas which will be on display starting next week. Drop by and check them out.

Samko/Miko Toy and Book Warehouse Sale Fundraiser

Do some holiday shopping at the fantastic Samko Warehouse Sale and earn money for Kingsley!

Where: Samko/Miko Toy and Book Warehouse Sale, 77 Fima Crescent, near Kipling and Evans Ave. <http://www.samkosales.com/retail-stores.html> for directions

When: *Wednesday, November 30 to Sunday, December 11*
Wednesdays 10am-4pm
Thursdays 10am-8pm
Fridays 10am-8pm
Saturdays 10am-5pm
Sundays 11am-5pm
Mondays and Tuesdays CLOSED

How: It's easy! Just shop, stamp and submit!

1) Shop during our designated weeks for a huge selection of books, toys, games, puzzles, and arts and crafts activities at great prices from companies like Crayola, Step 2, Mattel, Fisher-Price, Hot Wheels, Barbie, Little Tykes, V-Tech, K'nex, Spin Master and more

2) Ask the cashier to **stamp your itemized receipt**. (our Group name is: Kingsley Primary School)

3) Submit your stamped itemized receipt(s) to your child's teacher

as soon as possible, and by Thurs. Dec. 22 at the latest. (You can keep your debit and credit card receipts. We only need the stamped, itemized cash register receipt. If you wish, we can make a copy of it for your records.)

4) Enjoy your new purchases, knowing you just earned Kingsley 10% of your total pre-tax sales!

Pssst! Please pass it along!

Your friends and family can shop, stamp and submit too! Every little stamped receipt helps! Thank you for supporting Kingsley!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 8:15-8:45 am Running Club, gym</p> <p>Samko Fundraiser through Dec. 11</p>	<p>2 Samko</p>	<p>3 Samko</p>
<p>4 Samko</p>	<p>5 Samko</p> <p>Report cards go home</p> <p>Winter Food Drive begins in the foyer</p>	<p>6 12:30-1:00 pm Yoga Club</p>	<p>7 Samko</p>	<p>8 8:15-8:45 am Running Club, gym</p> <p>Samko</p>	<p>9 Samko</p>	<p>10 Samko</p>
<p>11 Samko Fund- raiser ends</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 12:30-1:00 pm Yoga Club</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:15-8:45 am Running Club, gym</p> <p>Seussical, Young People's Theatre, 10:15 am, school bus</p>	<p>16 Scholastic Orders Due</p> <p>Winter Concert 6:30—7:30 pm</p> <p>Winter Food Drive ends</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 12:30-1:00 pm Yoga Club</p> <p>Hanukkah begins sundown</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 8:15-8:45 am Running Club, gym</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Toonie Dress-Down Day \$2</p> <p>Last Day of school</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Christmas Day</p>	<p>26 Winter Holidays begin</p> <p>School starts Jan. 9</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Coming Up: Jan. 12: Annual General Meeting— one person from each family must attend. Jan. 27: \$2 Dress-Down Day Feb. 8 a.m.: TSO trip (all grades) Feb. Fridays: Skating (gr. 1-5) Feb. 16: Numeracy Night Feb. 17: P.D. Day, no school Feb. 20: Family Day holiday Feb. 24: \$2 Dress-Down Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mar 9-19: March Break Mar. 20: Back to school March 30: \$2 Dress-Down Day April 3: Living Arts Centre Trip April 6: Good Friday April 9: Easter Monday April 16: TSO concert (juniors) April 26: Toonie Dress Up Day and Photo Day—nice clothes, please May 18: P.D. Day</p>	<p>30</p> <p>May 21: Victoria Day May 25: \$2 Dress-Down Day Jun 8: Spring Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm June 15: Last day;\$2 Dress-Down June TBA: Annual Centre Island trip June 18-29: Kamp Kingsley</p>	<p>31</p>