

December Newsletter



A Note From Mrs. Vanden Pol

November has come and gone and we are headed into the Christmas season. November was a busy month in Grade 3 as we wrapped up a couple of units and prepared for report cards. The students were thrown a bit of a curve ball as I was away for a week but they did wonderfully. I heard nothing but wonderful reviews from their replacement teachers. As we move forward into the busyness that often comes with Christmas the students have shown they are willing to continue working hard and learning as much as they can before heading off for the Christmas break. I am looking forward to a fun and busy month ahead in Grade 3!

Mrs. Vanden Pol



Spotlight on Christian Education

Looking for God in All the School Places

This is our classroom storyline and is our way of learning that God is in everything and we can find Him if we seek Him with our whole heart. Our storyline is built on two verses:

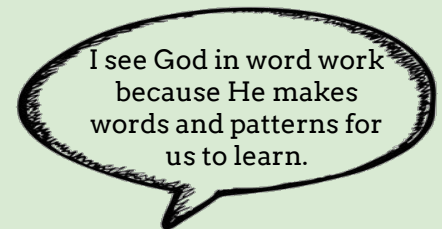
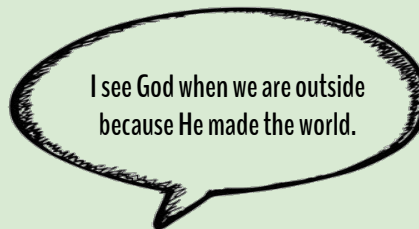
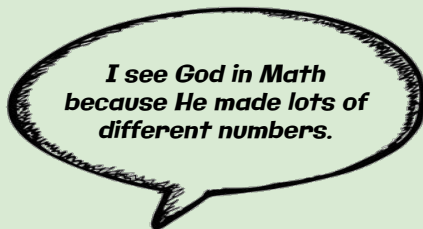
“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;”

Psalm 24:1

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah

Student Quotes - Where have we seen God?



Throughline of the Month

For the month of December our throughline focus is being an *Idolatry Discerner* which calls us to recognize when things become more important to us than God because that makes them idols. Especially as we head into the Christmas season we need to be aware of those things which can take away from the focus of Christmas being about Jesus' birth.

Justice Seeker Memory Verse - Due December 16th

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - This is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Romans 12: 1-2

Bible Unit

We finished our Bible unit on Jacob and Esau and will be spending the month of December learning about the Jesse Tree and the plan God had to send Jesus to earth. This plan can be seen woven throughout scriptures, starting all the way back at the story of Creation.

Look at What We're Learning



Math

Now that we have wrapped up addition and subtraction for the time being, students will be learning about Fractions.

Language Arts

Students are continuing to learn different reading strategies they can use to help them read accurately and with better comprehension. They are also practicing fluency by reading aloud to each other once a week.

Students are working on learning the patterns of English in Word Work using the Words Their Way program. They are demonstrating more and more confidence with finding and discovering patterns.

This month we have shifted our focus in writing to creating super interesting and entertaining story beginnings that will “hook” readers into our stories.

Social Studies

Students have been learning about culture in Social Studies and will continue learning about the different cultures that exist around the world.

Science

We will be wrapping up our unit on Hearing and Sound this month. We are continuing to learn all about sound and how God designed our ears to hear the different sounds he has created.

Health

Students are continuing to learn about their emotions and how their reactions and behaviours affect others around them using the ZONES of Regulation program.

Important Dates



11th - Red/Green Day

17th - Pajama Day
- Last day before
Christmas Break

Don't Forget!

January 4th is the first day back after the break. We will be meeting online for the first week and returning to school January 11th. More details will come!



Reminders

- ★ **Remind**
If you haven't joined yet please join by [clicking this link](#) or by following these [instructions](#).
- ★ **Daily COVID Checks**
Please remember to do a daily assessment of your child's health before sending them to school.
- ★ **School Website**
Please remember to check the [school website](#) and our social media pages to stay up do date on important information.



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- ★ **Nut Aware School**
We are a nut aware school which means students should avoid bringing any type of nut product for snacks and lunch.
- ★ **Utensils**
Please remember to send spoons and forks in student lunches as the school is unable to provide them this year.
- ★ **Scholastic Orders**
You can order Scholastic books online this year. Please use our **class code: RC178960** when checking out.