



KinderNews ~ December 2017

Welcome to the bustling & busy 12th month of the year! The season of Advent has begun and we are getting our hearts ready for the birth of Jesus Christ. Every week, our school community will come together for an Advent Celebration.

Religious Education: Our focus this month is on the Story of Jesus' Birth. The children will participate in activities and dramatizations of the First Christmas. We will learn that "Advent" means 'to wait'. Our classroom wreath is on a table with a Purple cloth which symbolized 'waiting'.

Mathematics: Patterning - We are on the look-out for colour patterns, shape patterns and growing patterns! Patterns REPEAT and we know they are in MANY places: on some of our clothing, in numbers, pictures, stories, songs, the Jingle Bells dance that we will be working on in the gym etc. We will identify, create, reproduce and extend repeating patterns. JK students will focus on simple patterns - "AB" (ie. green, red, green, red OR clap, tap). SK students will focus on copying, extending and creating more complex patterns - "ABC", "AABB", "ABB" (ie. green, red, yellow OR green, green, red, red... as well as clap, tap, jump).

Looking ahead to our next term... It may be very helpful for you to go online and read the Ontario Kindergarten curriculum. This will give you a very good idea of the many skills being taught each day in your child's classroom.

One of the most important gifts you can give to your child is the gift of reading to them.



Terrific Kids Theme: Temperance - showing self-restraint and moderation.

We will be talking about the difference between **needing** something and **wanting** something. We will also continue to focus on developing social skills, particularly keeping our cool and not getting upset when things don't go our way.



December Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Amelia on December 17th and Dominik on December 23!



Winter Clothing: Thank you for the labelled mittens, boots, snow pants, jackets, neck warmers and hats. We have accumulated some items of indoor and outdoor clothing that are not labelled. Please ensure EVERYTHING is labelled.

We ask that our S.K.'s zip their own zippers and our J.K.'s should do their best to get the zipper started. A reminder that mittens are encouraged (gloves are okay if your child can put them on themselves). Thank you everyone!

MAY YOU ENJOY THE MANY BLESSINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

WITH LOVE,

THE KINDERGARTEN TEAM AT ST. JAMES THE GREATER SCHOOL

