ASASA Academy NE Calgary / Airdrie

NEWSLETTER

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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

December 2021

Theme of the Month:

Winter Season

'Tis the season to be Jolly!

Gifts, flickering lights, snow… It's that time of the year again… a special time of loving, caring and giving. The winters in December carry a festive feeling and the wonders that this season brings seems to never fade away. It is the month for children to have the magical experience, as they are awed by its wonders.

May this festive season shower you with many more joys and smile as we anticipate a brand new year.





All Bundled Up

Winter break is just around the corner. Many children welcome this break from their routine but sometimes parents are at a loss on what to do with their kids. Here are a few suggestions you can do to enjoy winter break with the kids.

Take a trip to the library. Research shows the benefits of

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parents reading with children - even after children can read. Significance of shared reading include enriched language exposure, development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension and vocabulary, and establishing foundational literacy skills. They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading. Merga, M. (2017, August 24). *Interactive reading opportunities beyond the early years: What educators need to consider.* Australian Journal of Education.

Explore Nature. Sledding and tobogganing on the hills of Calgary is a thrilling way to enjoy the winter and take advantage of the snow. Check out safety tips and city maintained hills in the NE quadrant here: https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/locations/tobogganing-and-sledding.html

Be Creative. Whether it's making decorations or planning a festive performance, it is important to provide children with the chance to explore their creativity. Make arts and crafts, bake cookies and share with your neighbors, listen to music and dance or sing along together as a family or have an indoor camp out.

Don't let the bad weather interfere with learning!



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We wish you all health and happiness this holiday season!

The theme of this month is Winter season. Students will be able to:

- Recognize changes in weather and some ways people and animals adapt to the winter season.
- Associate activities appropriate for winter season.
- Understand what food and clothes are specific for this season.
- Use language prediction skills when stories are read aloud

Science: Wintertime! Educative cartoon about winter. https://youtu.be/UTt86B1mfUQ

The tale of a snowflake. https://youtu.be/C2po5RhpRqU

English: Winter words for kids(Flashcards video) https://youtu.be/PadxNrkl3Wg

Thomas' Snowsuit: https://youtu.be/UD6yqSkQOmg

The Mitten: https://youtu.be/ypuLkNld0KQ

Art: This month's theme will be integrated in art through different activities such as painting, coloring, and making crafts.

Theme based Project: Children will make a Christmas tree using paper plates.

Phonics: Blending sounds(group 1- 3) to make two/ three letter words, some sight words, finding sight words in the story books/ news paper

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Story Illustration: Stories related to the Winter season will be read to make this concept clear. Students will connect these stories with their real-life as well. It will enhance their comprehension and creative skills.

Math: Number sense 1- 10: recognition and identification

Self- expression: Story retelling and show and tell

Social Skills: Students will learn about KINDNESS and appreciate the gift of giving as an opportunity to spread love.

Reminders:

Uniform: Please ensure your child wears the School uniform every day, unless otherwise specified by the teacher. Students are not to wear jewellery to school.

Label your child's things! Please label all jackets, hoodies, boots, shoes, hats, mittens, water bottles and snack containers with your child's name.

Tacky Christmas clothes Day: We will celebrate Tacky Christmas clothes Day on December 17, 2020.



A little smile, a word of cheer, A bit of love from someone near, Best wishes for this coming year.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

Important Dates:					
Pinetown			**Airdrie**		
Friday	December 17	Last day of classes	Friday	December 17	Last day of classes
Moday	January 03	Classes resume	Moday	January 03	Classes resume

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