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ECS (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN / KINDERGARTEN)

December 2022

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

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



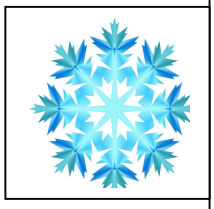
Be Creative. Whether it's making decorations or planning a festive performance, it is important to provide children with the chance to explore their creativity. Make arts and crafts, bake cookie to share with your neighbors, listen to music and dance or sing together as a family or have an indoor camp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

Don't let the bad weather interfere with learning!

LEARNING FOCUS

Theme: **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.



Science: Human / animal / bird adaptations in winter: The tale of a snowflake .https://youtu.be/C2po5RhpRqU

English: Jolly Phonics group 3, Winter words for kids (Flashcards video) Thomas' Snowsuit: https://youtu.be/UD6yqSkQ0mg , winter stories

Art: This month's theme will be integrated in art through different activities such as painting, coloring, cutting and making crafts. Self– expression: Story retelling / show and tell

Theme based Project: Children will make a snowflake and 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

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: 2D and 3D Shapes, Number lines 1-10

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

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Reminders

Uniform: Please ensure your child wears the School uniform every day, unless otherwise specified by the teacher.

Label everything! 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 Friday, December 16, 2022.



A glimpse of the last month *(Highlights)*

- Parent teacher interviews
- Remembrance day
- Lockdown drill













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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 *for Pinetown/Westwinds/Airdrie*			
Thursday	**December 22**	**Last day of classes**	
Tuesday	**January 3**	**Classes Resume**	***(Happy 2023)***

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