

January 06, 2025

Dear Parents,

“HAPPY NEW YEAR! How exciting to think about the places that God is going to take us in the coming year! As we begin a brand, new year and rapidly approach the halfway point of Grade one, be encouraged that your children are an enormous blessing to me, and I am thoroughly enjoying teaching them!”

I am so very thankful for the ways that God has revealed Himself to me in the past year. I have experienced an intimacy in my relationship with Him that has deepened my faith in so many ways.

That is my wish for all of you in 2025! ☺.

### **Back in routine**

I know how messed up routines can get over the holidays. Please help me by trying to provide your child with good rest each night as we all work hard to get back into “in class learning mode”. Daily reminders about good listening and cooperation are also helpful to reinforce what we are trying to instill here at school. **Also, please continue with your home reading and spelling practice each evening ... or if you took a little break over the holidays, please begin these routines again.**

### **Outdoor clothing**

Please **label ALL outdoor clothes** as well as hoodies that may come to school ESPECIALLY IF IT'S AN SCA HOODIE. This is the time of year that mitts, hats, snow pants, boots and scarves are a necessary part of every day, and many go missing. **If all items are labeled it makes it much easier to locate lost items quickly, and hopefully avoid tears.** Even if you just put a last name, or their initials on the items it is extremely helpful.



### **Penguins**

Our theme for the month of January is: Penguins! We will be talking about them, learning about them and reading and writing about them.

### **Language Arts**

As we approach the halfway mark of grade one, we will be spending more time focusing on writing. If you have a scribbler at home, please encourage your child to write a sentence about something that has happened each day. We do not correct spelling when they are writing at this level. We will focus on the structure of a sentence, creating a group of words that make sense, and starting with an upper case and ending with a period.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ EACH EVENING WITH YOUR CHILD!!! (Oh ... did I say that already? ☺)**

**Bible Memory**

As you can see, the January Bible memory is John 3:16. We will try to hear the kids recite this verse sometime during the last week of January.

**ALSO ... PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ EACH EVENING WITH YOUR CHILD!!!  
(I feel like I've heard that somewhere before ... ☺)**

**Thank you!!!**

A very BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to making my Christmas as lovely as ever! All of the outpouring of gifts and cards and kind words and specially coloured pictures ... and so much more! Your kindness coupled with your amazing children are constantly reminding me why I love this job so much!!!



Have a wonderful January! Stay warm and start the year off with some great attainable goals and the knowledge that our God truly is a God who loves to give us new beginnings ... any time of year!

In Christ,  
Mrs. Vader

## For The Fridge

### Bible Memory – third week of January

**John 3:16** – “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

### Spelling

**Jan. 10 – Week 13: Sound: ll**      said, here, went, then

**Jan 17 – Week 14: Sound: ss/zz**      there, they, people, from

**Jan 24 – Week 15: Sound: ck**      little, down, family, friend

**Jan 31 – Week 16: Sound y at the end (long e)**      so, have, not, look

## January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	7	8	9	10
<b>Spelling week 13</b>	<b>Silas bday</b>	<b>Chip Day \$1.00</b> <b>Early Dismissal</b>	<b>Helper: Isaak</b> <b>Grayson bday</b>	<b>Library</b> <b>Spelling test</b>
13	14	15	16	17
<b>Spelling week 14</b>	<b>Anneliese bday</b>	<b>Helper: Hunter</b>		<b>Library</b> <b>Spelling test</b>  <b>We Care Collection</b>  <b>Hot Lunch</b>
20	21	22	23	24
<b>Spelling week 15</b>		<b>Chip Day \$1.00</b>		<b>Library</b> <b>Spelling test</b>
<b>Helper: McGrath</b>				
27	28	29	30	31
<b>Spelling week 16</b>  <b>Bible Memory this week</b>	<b>Helper: McWilliam</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL PD DAY</b>		<b>Library</b> <b>Spelling test</b>

If you are signed up to be parent helper and the assigned time doesn't work for you, please send me an email and we can arrange an alternate time.

**Parent helpers, please plan to come for either  
the morning (8:45-11:30)  
OR the afternoon. (12:15-3:15).**