



Ross University School
of Veterinary Medicine

Preparatory School



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Newsletter

Seasons Greetings

Daycare/Preschool

For the month of December, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We have been listening to lots of Christmas music and telling Christmas stories. We also are working on a Christmas art project. We are also working on practicing polite manners and making sure to use our please and thank you's. We encourage parents to practice these skills at home and to use their words when communicating. We want to thank you for a wonderful semester and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.



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Preschool 2

Preschool 2 has had a fun eventful year with lots of learning and laughing. We close the year with the ending of our Tree unit. We have learnt everything we could have learnt about trees, from the animals that live in trees, the fruits that trees bare, we even had a fruit tasting. Preschool 2 along with Pre K/K visited the Reggae Beach Coconut Farm where we learnt about different herbs, plants, fruits and vegetables. We went through the process of making coconut milk which we used to make coconut popsicles. With the few changes we've had, we adjusted and we've had a wonderful year.

Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

As our Christmas break quickly approaches, we have been working extra hard, anticipating Santa's reward.

PreK also had lots of fun in Math. We covered solid shapes, which are shapes 3D shapes that we can hold and takes up space. Rectangular-prisms, cones, spheres, cubes and pyramids were the ones we focused on. Also, the magic number 7 was featured in our addition and subtraction sums. In Language Arts, our PreK learnt about opposites, what makes up a community and the use of syllables.

Our Kindergarteners, on the other hand, are classifying objects into categories. They have also shown great strengths in comparing groups to 10 and 15 by counting. Indeed, the kindergarteners were eager to discover Adjectives and their roles and types, new high frequency words like 'we', 'my' and 'like'.

Currently both classes are learning about various helpers within our communities. We had an amazing field trip to the Coconut Farm. Special thanks to Gary & Mary Pereira for setting up this trip for us! Our class has also been busy brushing up on our dance moves for our Romanian dance for the annual Holidays Around the World event! With Santa expecting to make an early stop by our school, we are too busy trying to make his nice list.

First and Second Grades

We are bringing the spirit of the holiday season into our Grade 1 / 2 classroom.

This month, we began a mini Writer's Workshop unit on Friendly Letters. We learned about the parts of a letter and then practiced by writing letters to Santa Claus. We were delighted to discover that Santa's elves wrote us letters back! We had fun reading our letters from Santa's elves and celebrated with a holiday party with our parents.

In Math, Grade 1 students will carry on with Adding and Subtracting Numbers to 20. Grade 2 students had their unit test for "Add Two-Digit Numbers", and are working on counting and Numbers with Even Groups.

Have a wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year!

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Third and Fourth Grades

The Christmas season is upon us and its soon time for vacation, Yeah!!!! In class we have really been working hard to finish up our academic business so that we start fresh in January. Our Novel is coming to an end and we look forward to watching the movie to see how it compares to the book. Math is coming along, both grades are working on solving word problems which is a skill that some students are struggling with. If you can please review the topics covered this past month with your child it would really help. In social studies we are still traveling through the regions of the U.S in our 'campervan'. We are currently in Virginia visiting Jamestown. If you get a chance please view the map in our classroom to see all of our stops thus far.

Parents, thank so much for sending in contributions to our holiday breakfast. The kids really enjoyed it and they were super excited to help set it up. Then to top off their wonderful day, they did an outstanding job on their dance at Holidays Around the World. Woohoo!!! 3/ 4's you totally rock.

If you have not seen our photo shoots from spirit week and Halloween please view them on flickr, they're pretty amazing so go check out your kid in action.

Seasons Greeting and Happy New Year



Upcoming Events:

December 14
Holiday Celebrations/
Last Day before Winter
Break

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January 8
School Resumes



Seventh, and Eighth Grades (Middle School 5-8)

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of term 1 and it's time for Christmas break! Since our last update students have completed their chapters on dividing whole numbers and working with patterns and equations. The grade 5 students are now working on dividing with decimals and will continue with this topic in January. In grade 6, students are also reviewing division of whole numbers, adding, and subtracting decimals. In science class we have finished our chapters on plate tectonics and earthquakes. We will continue to study "Inside Earth" throughout second term. I hope everyone enjoys their Christmas break and gets to spend time with friends and family!

The 5/6 class has been exploring the geography of Europe and studying the Middle Ages. During our studies we made stained-glass designs and Coats of Armor. In Language Arts, we will continue to explore the Parts of Speech and vocabulary skills. Our literary selections include excerpts from Beowulf, Norse Mythology, Arthurian Legend, and The Adventures of Robin Hood. Our novel study will be Catherine Called Birdy. Happy Holidays!

The 7/8 class has been studying World War I, the Roaring Twenties, and the Great Depression. Our literary selections include poems of WWI, To Kill a Mockingbird and Of Mice and Men. Also in Language Arts, students continue to review the Parts of Speech, vocabulary skills, and essay format. The class met for a sushi dinner and went on a field trip to the Royal St. Kitts Golf Course. Happy Holidays!

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