

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWS

January Virtue: Courage
February Virtue: Love



SPECIAL DATES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Jan 18 - Blue Day
- Jan 18-22 - Read-athon starts
- Jan 29-Feb 2 - Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 2 - Non-instructional Day
- Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday / Intermediate Skiing Day
- Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday / Valentine's Day
- Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28/29 Student led conferences



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- **Agenda** - It is mandatory that students bring their agenda home every day for parents to review and sign. Parents/guardians may also use it to communicate with the teacher.
- **Homework** - Spelling words will be sent home on Monday and tests will be on Friday. Some class time is given for practice, but students are encouraged to study nightly as needed. Any other work not completed during class time will be assigned for homework.
- **Toys/Phones** - Any items not required for learning are a distraction and are to be kept at home.
- **Class Norms** - Our class norms are the expectations for everyone in our class.
 - Being responsible and helpful
 - Being calm, quiet, and kind
 - Keeping the class clean and respectable
 - Everyone is safe and learning
 - Including everyone
 - Having Fun
- **Classroom Management** - Students are given reminders during the day about classroom expectations such as listening, working, and staying in their seats. Students struggling to meet these and other classroom expectations will be spoken to in private first. If their choices continue to be a disruption to their learning or to others, students will be required to complete a reflection sheet that will help them analyze the choices they are making in class. The reflection sheet will be sent home for their parent/guardian to review and discuss with them. The next step will be a phone call home to discuss the issue and plan for mitigation. If all of the steps above fail to help the student meet expectations, then the Principal will be asked to intervene.




LEARNING UPDATE



- ~ **Math** - While the students continue to practice number sense, multiplication, and division strategies, we will be introducing fractions and then decimals..
- ~ **Language Arts** - We are continuing to practice grammar and punctuation as we work up to building paragraphs. The Daily 5 is one way that we are structuring our time to give students opportunities to read, write, and develop literacy skills. The Daily 5 offers students choice, structure, teamwork, and small group instruction with the teacher. Students will continue to study spelling words each week. 
- ~ **Science/ADST**: We are going to be busy exploring machines this term. Students will learn about force and energy. It is a hands-on and engaging unit - always a popular favorite!
- ~ **Social Studies**: Later, we will be studying Canadian citizenship and government such as levels of government, the election process and how governments make decisions.
- ~ **Career Ed.** - Students are continuing to develop leadership and teamwork skills while doing comprehensive classroom jobs. In their teams, students use problem-solving and decision-making skills as well as contribute to the classroom in a meaningful and purposeful way.
- ~ **Arts Ed.**- Through skits and story theatre, students will develop creative expression by studying characters, movement skills, mood, and plot. 

OTHER NEWS

- **Homework club** - Beginning January 25th, students needing extra help or time to work on assignments will be able to stay on Thursdays after school until 4pm. Please let me know in their agendas if they will be staying.
- **Spaces EDU** - We hope families enjoyed getting updates on Spaces. We will be posting work periodically - feel free to comment on your child's work!
- **Field Trips** - We are excited about our upcoming ski trips! Bring on the snow and volunteers!
- **Thank you Mrs. Fontaine** for reading to our class on Wednesdays and for helping us create the awesome Christmas ornaments. We really appreciate your time and effort to teach us how to make them so beautiful! 



CONTACT



Please connect with me at smckenzie@cispg.ca or through the school phone line 250-782-4923. I am always happy to make time for you!

Thank you for your cooperation and support!
Mrs. Shannon McKenzie

