

CHRISTOPHER LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Home of the LAKERS
December 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have made it through the first and longest part of the school year together through a pandemic, through shifting and changing restrictions and protocols, and the general uncertainty that seems to hang in the air. It is also worth mentioning that we have made it through this difficult time together, working as a united community, and being lights to one another in a time that appears dark! And so it is fitting that we enter into this new holiday season at this present time – a holiday season characterized by the theme of light's invincibility – whether that is the celebration of Solstice, or the coming of Christ the Light, or the lights of Hanukkah. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (Jn 1:5)" And for this reason we have erected our Twinkle Town here at CLPS. We have adorned our lawn with beautiful and radiant Christmas lights in order to shine our light outward - reminding ourselves and our community, that darkness and many trials cannot overcome light and joy and love. With that said, I would like to take this moment, on behalf of the staff here at CLPS, to wish all of you a holiday season that is marked by joy, happiness, and love. May you be refreshed and renewed by this season of lights. Happy Solstice! Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Letkeman



One of the best gifts you can give your child is a good education. It's tempting to extend your vacation by a few days, but it is important to consider the impacts on your child's learning. Just a few missed days here and there can add up to too much lost learning time. So we look forward to seeing your child in school every day, right up until vacation starts. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning. Have a Happy Holiday!

Classroom News



Kindergarten – Mrs. Cook

Happy December.

We are so excited because we got a new student Arabella. Welcome Arabella.

We are focusing on many different things in December. Science is Magnets. Pretend Play is a Bakery. Math we are going into our tens digits. That leaves us with ELA. Our main focus this month is counting words in a sentence, syllables, and rhyming. These are all games you can play with your own child. Driving in a car play "Rhyme With Me". Say a word and make a rhyme. Or try supper syllable. During supper time have your child try count out the syllables in each supper item.

What are you the most looking forward to do during Christmas Break?

Emmet B: opening presents

Bennett: Get a Christmas tree and decorate it

Emmett C: Going hunting

Laker: Opening presents

Brianna: playing in the snow and making snow angels with my sister

Beckham: Make snow forts and opening presents

Heaven: For Santa to come

Arabella: Having Christmas

Jude: opening presents

Jemma: the Chocolate Christmas Calendar

Mrs. Cook: wearing my PJs all Day

Leave you with this: Rhyming is important for early literacy benefits include

- Teaches the sound of the language
- Improves cognitive development
- Develops literacy skills
- Improves memory

Grade 1 – Mrs. Schlamp



'Tis the season –and oh boy, is Grade 1 ever Jolly! We have been counting down for some time now –(counting down is a Math outcome), we've been making lists (an ELA outcome) and getting ready for all things December. The Green Bags reading is rolling and seems to be working. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child throughout the week. Please remember that in January we will be testing students' reading levels using the Developmental Reading Assessment - D.R.A. On top of that, as part of our "Where in the World is Dr. Readless" all students made it their reading goal to READ EVERY DAY until January. They also sent individual text levels they would like to be at in January. I will be sending this information out individually on Seesaw. I know that time spent reading will certainly help all students be stronger readers and ultimately more successful academically.

The Student Leadership Council –S.L.C. has planned several fun activities – starting with Tinsel Town, thanks to the support of the community to purchase lights and ornaments. Please find time over the month of December to drive by and check it out the awesome display on the front lawn of C.L.P.S.. They also have planned a door decorating contest, which we are working on and I will post pictures soon! We are also having a PJ & Movie Day on December 18th, the last day before the holidays. Fun, fun, fun!

Our classroom is busy getting into the Spirit of the Season. Thanks for all the support from families with donations of food, money, warm clothes and basic supplies. It is amazing to see the students faces when they add a bag to the collection boxes or a donation into the money bucket. We are also working on our Moosetoe play. We hope to share this virtually with parents and are just working on the details. Of course we are doing art and projects to make our classroom cheery and bright.

While the Covid situation can be extra stress during this busy time, I hope each of us can take time to focus on what is important and create a Merry Season for our families.



Merry Christmas!

Grade 2/3 – Miss Fleury

Hello CLPS! The grade 2/3 class is very excited for Christmas! For the door decorating contest, we have chosen to do it on the book How the Grinch Stole

Christmas! Our class has also been focusing on our predicting skills while reading. We are hoping to complete the challenge and move onto a new skill for "Where in the World is Dr. Readless." Guided reading has become a part of our weekly schedule. We have seen huge improvement in reading, writing, and confidence!

In Math, the grade 3's are learning multiplication and division. In Art, the class had fun performing plays in front of their peers. In Science, we are learning the states of matter and in Social Studies we are starting to learn how other countries around the world celebrate Christmas. A lot is happening in these next 3 weeks, but we're enjoying the business before Christmas!



Grade 2 Math – Ms. Harkness

Hello from grade 2 math!

The grade 2's are busy busy busy in math class! Last week we wrapped up double digit addition with regrouping! We are starting to learn about subtraction this week. The current strategy we are using is to count backwards. If you can find time in the evening to count backwards from 20 – 0 with your child, it would help them become quicker with their subtraction facts. By Christmas time we should be subtracting double digit numbers with regrouping! I hope everyone has a great and healthy December!



Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Wagner

The holiday season has come in with some exciting things: Twinkle Town, door decorating and ornament making. The grade 3/4's have also been enjoying creating some holiday music with Boomwackers in Arts Ed, playing "Jingle Bells" brings on the holiday spirit! The students are showing their skills in both writing and representing as they are creating their own superheroes and getting all their ideas on the perfect superhero to be able to write a descriptive story.

In Social Studies we have started looking at the importance of agriculture in Saskatchewan and the many products and jobs that impact our economy. In the spirit of the season this December the grade 1 class is leading the way to care for our community

through donations and the grade 3/4 class is invited to bring items for this initiative. Watch for information about this to be sent home soon! Merry Christmas to all the CLPS families from the grade 3/4 class!



Grade 4/5 – Miss Paterson

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the grade four and five classroom
Not a student was stirring, not even Miss Paterson in a meeting on Zoom.
The desks were pushed outside the classroom door,
In the hopes Mr. Lennox would soon be waxing the floor

The children were all at home nestled snug in their beds,
While visions of the school year danced in their heads.
The first four months had flown by,
And the next six would surely be gone in the blink of an eye.

They thought of the Wayne Thiebaud inspired cakes they had “baked” in Art class,
And pictured themselves taking a bite with milk in a glass.
A smile came to their face when they dreamed of their cupcake,
They yearned for them so badly it made their stomach just ache.

From the information they learned in Science class about body systems,
They knew a grumbly tummy meant they had a difficult time to resist them.
The musculoskeletal system is not only a long word,
But one in which we had never heard.

Social class gave them plenty of time to learn about First Nations government,
Did you know the treaties that were signed were a type of agreement?
Reserves were created and a band council they did form,
Until 1960 having a female chief was not the norm.

Abuse and violence are never easy subjects to deliberate,
But talking about healthy relationships is something to celebrate.
It is important to learn being treated badly is not right,
It is our job to help end the cycle and help others see the light.

As the children slept visions of *The City of Ember* flashed into their mind,
They knew the residents of that City were in a real bind.
The generator was on its last legs and the supply rooms were going to be empty soon,
Lina was starting to believe the words of warning from her friend Doon.

If you could give a gift to the world, what would it be?
Would it be food, clean water, an education, or for everyone to be happy?
Each of the students had the opportunity to write about their wish,
Everything is achievable, nothing is outlandish.

December has brought us the sparkle of Twinkle Town,
Which is festive enough to remove any frown.
The Polar Express made a stop at our classroom door,
“Do you believe?” the conductor said with a roar.

As we impatiently await for the year 2021,
We hope it brings a lot of “fun”.
With a wink of an eye and a twists of our head,
We will be moving into a new year with nothing to dread.

One last shout out to all with a big might,
“Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

From all the students in the grade four and five Classroom.



Grade 6 – Mrs. Kerley

Hello everyone! Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to read and practice their multiplication tables daily!

In the event that your child has to stay home, they can still participate in what we are doing in the classroom, by using Google Classroom from home. They should read "Daily Schedule 6" for the schedule for the day and if they run into any

problems they can also send me a message through Google Classroom and I will try to help them as soon as I can.

Just a reminder that every week until Christmas, we are going to collect items to help people in our area who need help. Here is a list of what we are collecting and the organization it will support:

- 1) Non-perishable food –donated to Prince Albert Food Bank
- 2) \$1 (students are to “earn” the \$ as opposed to “get it from Mom or Dad”) – donated to the Christopher Lake & Area Senior’s Care Packages
- 3) Socks, toques, mittens, unused toiletries, unused blankets or winter wear – donated to the new YWCA Stepping Stones Cold Weather Shelter in PA
- 4) Outgrown PJ’s & clean toys –donated to Children’s Haven

Please send what you can and thank you for supporting organizations in our area! I hope everyone stays safe and healthy through December, Christmas and into the New Year!



Grade 7 – Mrs. Bates and Mr. Kaufhold

Wow, we can't believe it's already December! This month brings so much excitement and joy, as well as the cold weather. Please remind your child to bring appropriate winter gear for those chilly Saskatchewan days.

The Grade 7 class has been steadily working on their contributions to the newly unveiled CLPS “Twinkle Town.” They have been sanding decorating wood ornaments to adorn the outside tree...if you have time, it really is a sight to see! In addition, students have commenced an Ancient Civilizations group research project, with the focus on Early Mexico (Olmec/Maya/Aztec), in which they will produce a Google Slide Show to display their findings. In Math, students are working on solving one and two step equations, by using inverse (opposite) operations. Have your child explain to you how to solve an equation using algebra 😊

In ELA, the class has been studying the elements of short stories, using a wide variety of genres. Students will begin completing plot diagrams, as well as working on the comprehension strategy of summarizing. We are eagerly trying find “Dr. Readless!” In Science, students are completing their Ecozone project and will be having a unit test in the near future...stay tuned for details!

Our P.E. class will be going outside next week for class. We will be snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Please have your outside layer wind and water resistant. Winter boots are recommended for snowshoeing. Please come prepared for the outdoor conditions.



Grade 8 - Mrs. Liedtke

In late November we were reminded about the importance of washing our hands, wearing a mask and keeping 6 feet (2 meters) from each other to stop the spread of Covid19. We have been lucky and we are proud of how our school is staying safe. Keep doing your part!

For Christmas spirit here at CLPS we are having a door decorating contest. Some examples of door decorations are, the grade 7's are made a snowman out of Styrofoam cups! Really "cool!" The 8th grade class made Snoopy's house with popcorn on a string, lights, Charlie Brown and the one and only Snoopy. We are looking forward to having the door finished by this Friday.

On November 30th, we were excited when we got off the bus to see "Twinkle town" all set up! Twinkle town is at the front of the school so be sure to check it out next time you drive by the school. It is complete with Grinch stuck in the chimney, a 16 foot train, a snowman, a HUGE polar bear, some minions, a Troll, Snoopy's house, two snow globes with cool lights and more tons of lights on our tree out front!. A big thanks to all our sponsors who helped make Twinkle Town possible. It is so nice to have our school decorated for Christmas this year. Every grade made ornaments for the tree in the front yard. Our class painted wood blocks. The ornaments are stunning on the tree. I can say that the SLC went all out for twinkle town and I would love to see it again.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah from the grade 8 class.
Remember, It's not what's under the tree that matters it's who's around it-Charlie Brown.

Written by

Leo & Nesslin

Bright, Honest advice for life....

Written by Sidney, Maia, Nesslin and Lydia, Grade 8

Kindergarten asked:

What is the best thing about grade eight?

We get to plan things for the school, we get to be role models. We get to build things, last week we built trays. We get to answer all your awesome questions. We do announcements.

Why are fire trucks red?

Well, that's a very great question Jemma, fire trucks are red because they need to stand out so other vehicles can see them easily. Fire trucks are also sometimes yellow. Some people also think fire trucks are red because fire departments wanted to use the most expensive colour, which was red at the time.

Grade 2/3 asked:

What do you miss about kindergarten?

Playing house, playtime, and going outside. At play time we would play house, I liked being the family dog. We also used to play dress up. Learning how to spell was pretty fun too.

Can you write in cursive?

I am going to be honest, no, I learned how to do it in grade 3 and forgot. Thanks for the question Taylor.

How do cars work?

A gasoline car typically uses a spark-ignited internal combustion engine, rather than the compression-ignited systems used in diesel vehicles. In a spark-ignited system, the fuel is injected into the combustion chamber and combined with air. The air/fuel mixture is ignited by a spark from the spark plug.

What do you do with the recycle?

The cans, bottles and boxes you recycle can be broken down into raw materials again and sold to manufacturers. And since consumers like

products made from recycled materials, manufacturers buy more recycled materials for their products.

Grade 6 asked:

How do I get money?

I think getting a job would give you money if not a job then try doing odd jobs for people.

If I made a business what would I sell?

Dear Isaac, I would sell something I could make or something I have a lot of.

Grade 8 asked:

How to be smart?

Question everything, read as much as you can, discover what motivates you, Think of new ways to do old things, hang out with people who are smarter than you, remember that every expert was once a beginner so you can ask for help, make time to reflect, and exercise your body.

Why do birds fly?

Flying helps birds get away from animals that want to eat them, and makes them better hunters, too. Flying also helps them travel from cold places to warm places, called migration there might be other reasons but I guess we will never know.

CLPS Twinkle Town 2020



BIG Shout out to our COMMUNITY! The SLC thanks you as well as the staff and students from CLPS for all the support and donations to make this project this a dream come true!

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