## DECEMBER NEWS IN GRADE 1-2

Language: We will begin to learn about making connections in our reading activities. This helps develop a deeper understanding of the books we read by connecting them to our own personal experiences, other books and the world around them. Your child is learning to use terms such as "Text to Self, Text to Text and Text to World." We are studying vowels in our word study and continue to learn the high frequency word lists (Dolch words) for both grade one and two in our spelling and reading programs. We will also be exploring some poetry and how to choose descriptive words in our writing program. In Media Literacy, kids will examine how different audiences might respond to specific media texts (e.g. How would a grown up respond to your poem about school vs another child?)

Math: We are finishing up our unit on graphing and moving onto 3D Geometry (cones, spheres, rectangular prims, etc). We will learn about specific attributes and properties of these shapes and explore through play and inquiry.

Science: Both grade ones and twos are learning about Living Things and animals needs and adaptations. Grade one children continue to work with Mrs. Metcalfe during this time.

Art: We will be making some 3D Geometry creations and creating collages and different works of art using recycled materials.

Important Dates to Add to Your Calendar: (note students don't have to participate in any or all of the activities... only if it works for you. Most students really enjoy our holiday activities, but we know it's a busy time of year (:)

Friday Dec 6: Red and Green Day
Monday Dec 9: Dress like an elf day
Tuesday Dec 10: Donate to the Mitten tree if you can
Wednesday Dec 11: Bring your fav Christmas story and buddy read
Thursday Dec 12: Donate to the Food Bank if you can
Friday Dec 13: Visit with Santa and toy drive
Monday Dec 16: Christmas sweater/shirt day
Wednesday Dec 18: Concert Day. Details to follow. Check our school news or messenger for more information.

Thursday Dec 19: Holiday Hat and Sock Day
Friday Dec $20^{\text {th }}$ - PJ Day. Last day of school before holidays

