



December... In Grade Three

December 1st, 2012

Christmas Concert Time!! Where has the year gone?

Can you believe that it is the first of December already? Time flies when you are having fun! I am sure, as parents, you are all busy this time of the year, but hopefully you will find the time to attend Harkin's Annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 19th. Our grade three students will begin practicing for their concert soon and I can't wait for you to watch them perform!

Just a friendly reminder to parents that **the last day of school is Friday, December 21st** and school resumes again on **Wednesday, January 9th, 2013**. Teachers have Professional Learning Days on Monday and Tuesday.

I want to take this time to wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Cold Weather Dressing:

Our students continue to go outside each day in the morning and during the recess and lunch breaks. The fresh air and exercise they get is invaluable to their learning. **Please remember to dress your child appropriately: warm jacket and ski pants, boots, hat and mitts.** Brrrr, winter has arrived!

In our Classroom....

Literacy

Students continue to do very well during our Daily 5 time. They are working on comprehending what they are reading during Read to Self and Read to Someone. In Writing students are following a special "recipe" for creating a paragraph and in Word Work students are doing many activities to encourage them to use the word wall and become more familiar with the words.

Math

We finished our unit on Numbers to 1000 and are now working with Addition and Subtraction. It is very important for students to continue reviewing their facts! We have also begun working with our multiplication facts during our Mental Math time!

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas", he thought, "doesn't come from a store". "Maybe Christmas....perhaps....means a little bit more."



Monthly Assembly:

Our students are really enjoying the assembly each month to celebrate Harkins Treasures, Perfect Attendance and Golden Sneaker Awards!! Way to go boys and girls!

Food Bank Drive

Our food drive will continue throughout the month of December. Students can participate in our weekly activity by bringing one food item or \$1. The class which brings in the most items will get to take all items to the Food Bank and have their class picture in the paper.

| monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Santa/Elf Hat |
| 10 | 11 Xmas with Mr.&Mrs. Claus 6pm | 12 | 13 | 14 PJ Day |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Concert@ 9:30am | 20 Gr. 3 Skating | 21 Last Day |
| 24 | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 31 | | | | |