



December Newsletter 2T and 2B

December 3rd, 2012



It's hard to believe, but here we are into the first full week of December already, with only 14 school days remaining now until Christmas Break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, and to wish each and every one of you a joyous Christmas with family and friends, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

We would also like to remind you of a few important points:

1. The cafeteria's Christmas dinner takes place on **Wednesday, December 5th** at a cost of **\$5.50** per student; students who are buying should have had their money in by today (**Monday, December 3rd**).
2. The Home and School's Evening with Santa will be held next **Tuesday, December 11th from 6:00-7:30 P.M.**
3. Our annual Christmas concert will take place on **Wednesday, December 19th at 9:30 A.M.**
4. School will conclude on **Friday, December 21st** for the Christmas holidays.

Also, just a friendly reminder to parents that school resumes for students on **Wednesday, January 9th, 2013**; teachers will be attending Professional Learning Days on the 7th and 8th.

Websites of the month

Check out the following Christmas sites for kids:

www.northpole.com

<http://www.noradsanta.org/>

<http://storynory.com>

<http://www.crewsnest.vispa.com/journey.htm>.

<http://www.kidsjokes.co.uk/jokes/other/christmas.html>

<http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/>

The Spirit of Christmas

In November, Harkins Elementary commenced participation in the District's annual food drive to support our local food bank during the busy season of Christmas. This initiative will conclude on Friday, December 14th. We wish to thank you sincerely for your kindness and generosity; thus far, the grade two classes alone have collected a total of 100+ items for this very worthwhile cause!! We believe that it is so important for children to learn at an early age the value of helping others, and to realize that we can make a difference in the lives of others through small but significant gestures.

Math Makes Sense

Currently, we are continuing work on our "Numbers to 100" unit. You can help your child at home by doing with them some of the following activities, as suggested in the "Math Makes Sense" teachers' guide:

1. Help your child count forward and backward by 2s, 5s, and 10s.
2. Place six pennies in a row. Ask your child: "How many pennies are there?" Add a dime to the row and ask: "How much money is there altogether?" Continue using dimes to count until you reach 96 cents.
3. Line up ten things in a row, such as spoons, forks, cups, or plates. Ask your child: "What is third? Fifth? Ninth?"
4. Gather a collection of about forty small objects for your child to count, such as toys or pennies. Ask your child to count the collection by grouping the objects in different ways.
5. Select a number between 50 and 100. Ask your child to draw a picture for the number and then show you how many groups of 10, and how many 1s.

A bit of humour:

Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?

A. Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!

Q. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?

A. Jungle bells, jungle bells!

Q. What did the cow get for Christmas?

A. A **COW**culator!

Q. Which elf was the best singer?

A. **ELF**is Presley!

Q. What is the cleanest reindeer called?

A. Comet!