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### Welcome Back!!

Welcome back!! We trust that students enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends and are rested and ready now to start the new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. We hope that 2014 brings with it good health, happiness, and peace, and we look forward to working with you and your children once again. ☺

**Skating- Grade 1U and grade 2T and 2H**

**Thursday January 9th, 2014 at 10:15.**

**We really appreciate the help from parents on skating day. Tying laces, helping with helmets etc.., makes the skating hour go smoothly.**

**Family Literacy Day**

**Family Literacy Day will be held in January. A memo will be sent with more information regarding the celebration.**

**Show and Tell**

**On Friday January 10th the Grade 2 classes will have “Show and Tell”. Please do not send anything that would easily break. Please no I-pads, I-pods or electronic equipment.**

#### Websites of the month

Check out the following:

##### [www.kidsknowit.com](http://www.kidsknowit.com)

[www.family.ca](http://www.family.ca)

[www.apples](http://www.apples)for the teacher.com

* www.math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org

**A bit of humour:**

**Q.** What did the police officer say when he saw Frosty stealing?
**A.** "Freeze!"

**Q.** Where does Frosty keep his money?
**A.** In a "Snow"-bank!

**Q.** What does Frosty eat for breakfast?
**A.** "Frosted Flakes!"

**Q.** What kind of cake does Frosty like?
**A.** The kind with lots of frosting! (or was that icing?!)

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| [**Christmas Jokes**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_Christmas.htm) | [**Frosty Jokes**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_frosty.htm) | [**Santa Jokes**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_santa.htm) |
| [**Christmas Jokes II**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_Christmas2.htm) | [**Elf Jokes**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_elf.htm) | [**Reindeer Jokes**](http://www.emailsanta.com/jokes_reindeer.htm) |

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| **COOL STUFF** |
| **[Privacy Policy](http://emailsanta.com/privacy.htm)**  |
| **[Write a letter to Santa](http://emailsanta.com/email_santa.asp)** |
| **[Read Santa's Blog!](http://emailsanta.com/santa-claus-xmas-blog/)** |
| **[Check the "Naughty or Nice" List](http://emailsanta.com/naughty_nice.asp)** |
| **[Count down to Christmas](http://emailsanta.com/clock.asp)** |
| **[Santa Tweets](http://emailsanta.com/Santa%20Claus%20Tweets.asp)** |
| **[Track Santa Claus](http://emailsanta.com/Santa%20Claus%20Tracker.asp)** |
| **[Get Santa's Autograph](http://emailsanta.com/santa_autograph.asp)** |
| **[Elves read "Night Before Christmas"](http://emailsanta.com/The-Night-Before-Christmas.asp)** |
| **[Send your pet's email to Rudolph](http://emailsanta.com/reindeer.asp)** |
| **[Play Rudolph's Christmas Trivia](http://emailsanta.com/Christmas_Trivia.htm)** |
| **[Vote for who'll guide Santa's sleigh](http://emailsanta.com/north_poll.asp)** |
| **[Watch Christmas Webcams](http://emailsanta.com/Christmas_WebCams.asp)** |
| **[Read live emails to Santa](http://emailsanta.com/read_Santa_Letters.asp)** |
| **[Try out Santa's Advent Calendar](http://emailsanta.com/advent.asp)** |
| **[Laugh at silly Elf Jokes](http://emailsanta.com/jokes_christmas.htm)** |
| **[Watch the 'Rudolph cam'](http://emailsanta.com/rudolph-video.asp)** |
| **[Listen to Christmas Music](http://emailsanta.com/Christmas%20Songs/index.asp)** |
| **[See Santa's Magic Photo Albums](http://emailsanta.com/santa_photos.asp)** |
| **[Colour these Christmas pages](http://emailsanta.com/color_santa.html)** |
| **[Play "YuleSearch"](http://emailsanta.com/yulesearch.htm)** |
| **[Download Christmas Software](http://emailsanta.com/Christmas_software.htm)** |
| **[Kid's Help Lines](http://emailsanta.com/Childrens_hotlines.htm)** |
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**Provincial Literacy Assessments**

This spring, the grade two students will write provincial literacy assessments. Almost all grade 2 students will participate, with the exception of students whose Special Education Plans (SEPs) justify their not participating. Students will be presented several short passages at reading levels appropriate to grade 2. After each reading, they will answer questions to assess their understanding of the passage. As well, students will be asked to produce a short piece of writing independently. The reading test will be divided into flexible sessions totaling about forty minutes; we will plan an appropriate schedule and decide when these sessions will occur. The writing assessment piece will be completed by students between May and June. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will then conduct a marking session in July, in which teachers, principals and district office staff will be invited to participate. At the beginning of the following school year, the results showing how well grade 2 students performed will be compiled and distributed. Districts and schools will be provided with provincial, district and school level information, as well as individual student results. ***STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO.!!***

**Math tips and tricks**

##### Find ways to develop reasoning skills:

##### If your child knows that 4 quarters is 1 dollar, can he/she figure out what 6 quarters is?

##### Ask your child to estimate the height of a tree by estimating how much higher it might be than the fence next to it.

##### Find ways to collect and organize information:

##### Read sports score tables, weather charts, and other common numerical information you find in the news.

##### As you’re shopping, compare the amounts in the Nutrition Facts on packaged foods or the amounts in various containers of similar products.

##### Take measurements for a project around the house. How many m? How many cm?

##### Some family games that help develop math skills:

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