



DECEMBER 2022

From the Principal's Desk



We have been focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit this year, and for December our “fruit” is PATIENCE. You would think we would have picked JOY or LOVE for the month of Christmas, but I think PATIENCE is just as appropriate. When I think of Christmas carols and patience, I immediately think of the carol “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” The melody of the carol is not upbeat and Christmas-like. It is almost somber. Yet the words and music together are so powerful. Together they help to remind me of the season of advent, and that we are waiting patiently for our Saviour.

In every verse we are reminded that our world is not perfect and that there is suffering all

around, and yet when we wait on the Lord we can boldly claim, *“Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”*

We are all waiting for things this Christmas. It might be as simple as the perfect Christmas gift, or a few days off from work, or a beautiful family dinner. Or it could be something as profound as the miraculous healing of a loved one. As we wait for Emmanuel, God with us, please be reminded that God’s plans are not only worth the wait, but always more beautiful than anything we could ever imagine. Let Christmas, the arrival of God’s greatest promise, be a reminder that no one can fully understand what God has planned for us.



*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

An **inside**look ... into our Grade One classroom.

The Grade Ones have loved using our new outdoor classroom to play and learn in. They have spent time observing, asking questions and learning about cycles and patterns in Science. “What kinds of patterns in the sky and landscape are you aware of?” “How do patterns and cycles in the sky and landscape affect living things?” The Grade Ones quickly realized that there are cycles and patterns all around us, happening every day. From the sun, moon and stars to shadows, seasons and weather patterns. They have gained a deep understanding of how these cycles affect living things in the environment. Grade Ones enjoy spending time outdoors and are engaged, excited and curious about what learning can look like when we take it outside.



Some students observing patterns on materials found in nature. ■



Grade Ones outlined their shadows using chalk so they could observe their shadow's movement throughout the day.



Students recording their observations of how a tree changes during different seasons.



An **inside**look ... our students' perspective ...



"My favourite decoration is the Christmas tree, because it has snow on it."

- Emilian

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"I have a moon ornament that my parents bought for me. It has my whole name on it. I love putting it on the tree."

- Cohen



"My favourite Christmas decoration is the nativity scene from my Amma because she made it and we can remember her."

- Gavin

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"My favourite decoration is one single ornament. It is a bear in a sock that has writing that says 2014. I like this decoration because it was given to me when I was born and made the year I was born."

- Eli



Question of the Month

What is your favourite Christmas decoration and what does it mean to you?



"My favourite decoration on Christmas is the star, because God was born on Christmas eve night."

- Bentley

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"My favourite Christmas decoration is my mother's nativity. It reminds me of the night that Jesus was born, and the Christmas story is my favourite Bible story. God sent down Jesus to save us from sin. I am thankful for Jesus, and God's infinite love for us."

- Tessa



"My favourite decoration is the Christmas stuffy daschund because it reminds me of happiness and our family has a daschund."

- Ivan

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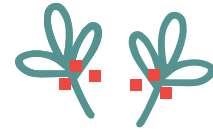


"I like the gnome because I like gnomes and it is funny-looking."

- Jeremiah



An **inside**look into ...



The PAC



The PAC is in charge of refreshments following the ACS Christmas Programs. Thank you for the overwhelming response of volunteers to bake cookies for this!

The PAC is also making Christmas goodie bags for the kids for after the Christmas Program.

The next Hot Lunch is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 13 - Hot Dogs!

The next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11 @ 7 P.M.



Merry Christmas!

Important Dates to Remember

- December 14 - Christmas Program, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- December 16 - Red/White/Green dress-up day
- Dec. 17 - Jan. 2 School closed
- January 3 - School Resumes
- January 13 - Hot Lunch
- January 20 - Pro-D, School Closed
- January 27 - P.J./Comfy dress-up day
- February 20 - BC Family Day
- February 24 - Presentation of Learning
- Feb. 17 & March 17 - Skating



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