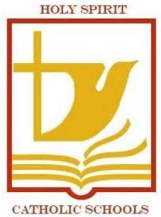




St. Paul Elementary Early Learning Program News December 2020



This Month's Focus

In December our themes are Advent and Christmas. There will be several special days and lots of excitement through the month. We will be having fun while we keep our routines, which is calming for young children (and us grown ups too!) Nov. 29th is the first Sunday in Advent. I will send home an Advent Calendar to color in as the days go by and we will be doing one in class as well. Christmas is an exciting time and counting down the days while we wait for Christmas is wonderful for numeracy skills and helps us think about the reason we celebrate: God's gift of Jesus! On Dec. 9 we will be taking a video of our Christmas songs, so dress for a "concert". We hope ALL children can attend on Dec. 16th as we will be having Christmas Dinner that day.

Important Dates

- Dec. 9** – wear your best Christmas outfit for our video
- Dec. 14** - Wear Christmas socks
- Dec. 15** – wear red or green
- Dec. 16** – Wear Christmas Hats – Christmas Dinner
- Dec. 17** – wear Christmas sweater
- Dec. 18** – No ELP for children
- Jan. 11** - First day back to school for students
- Jan. 29** – School PD Day - No school for students



Special Day Alert!

On Dec. 16th will need to change our class time from 8:50 – 11:50 to 9:30 – 12:30.

The whole school will be having Christmas Dinner! The food will be brought to our room at about 11:30, so ending at 12:30 gives us time to eat!

Please let me know if that later drop off time is a problem for you and we will work something out.

To check out during the holidays

Building Brains Together has a Face Book page dedicated to child development ideas and articles.
<http://www.buildingbrains.ca>
Helen Schuler Center has free activities and events for children and families. Check their website as Covid 19 has changed some of their indoor activities.

Remember that one of the most important things we do for our children is to take care of our own mental health.
Know that you are in our prayers.

At Home This Month

- At home this month your children will be getting excited about Christmas. Remember to talk about the joy of giving. Being intentional about prayer and being thankful for blessings in our lives is important for all of us.
- Advent is a time of waiting. We have been practicing in class. It can be tough to wait, so saying out loud that that is what we are doing helps our brains.
- We will be going outside to play most days. Thank you for dressing your child in warm clothes and boots. The wind often makes it colder than the air temperature!
- Take time to play and be outside! It is so important for our health and well being!
- Please send a change of clothes to keep at school, and replace them when they get used. Thanks so much