

**Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool
Four Year Old Class
December 2017 Newsletter**



Throughout the month of November the children were busy exploring the season of Fall. We took a closer look at leaves, their different shapes, sizes and colours. On our walk the children discovered how the trees in our neighbourhood are all different shapes and sizes.

In addition to this we explored the book *Stone Soup* written by Jon J Muth. We talked about how the monks taught the villagers what happiness was by making stone soup and bringing everyone together. We talked about how working together and helping each other can make us all feel happy. In class we had a great time making our stone soup. The children were very happy to share what ingredient they brought in, and were very excited when they got to help us cut the vegetables. We hope you all enjoyed the soup with your children.

In December we will be preparing for Christmas. It's going to be a very busy month. Some of the work that the children will be doing will either be used for decorating the classroom or gifts for Mom and Dad. All art work that we keep at school will be sent home for you to enjoy with them before the Christmas break.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a wonderful first half of our school year. Your support and dedication to your children and our school make it a wonderful place to be a part of. On behalf of all the staff at Our Lady of Sorrows we send out our warmest Christmas wishes to all our families and we wish you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tina, Mrs. Pirillo and Miss Adria

A Big Thank You

Through the read-a-thon the preschool raised \$1786.75 which will go towards equipment and materials for our preschool. In addition to this, the preschool raised \$162.11 from our class photo orders and \$200.00 in scholastic orders from the Book Fair. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Seesaw Family App

We are thrilled to have all our families on board with SeeSaw. We hope you have enjoyed the activities that we have shared with you. If you have any feedback please feel free to share it with us at anytime.

Baking Day

On **Monday December 11th** we will be baking yummy Christmas sugar cookies with the children.

Thank You to the Ciulla Family

In the next couple of weeks we will be doing special surprise activity with the children. We would like to thank the Ciulla family for thinking of us and donating the materials for this special activity. The children are going to love it!!

Preschool Christmas Sing-a-long and last day of school

On **Wednesday December 20th** we will be celebrating Christmas at our preschool with a very special Christmas sing-a-long and party. This day will be a non-uniform day and the children are welcome to come to school dressed in **red** and **green**. It will be a regular class for the children and we will provide a special treat for the children to enjoy for snack. (You do not need to send your child to school with a snack) **We invite all our parents to come back and join us for the last 45 minutes of class. (AM Class 10:30am and PM Class 2:15pm)** During this time the children will sing a couple of Christmas songs and we hope to have one of Santa's helpers named Sandy come surprise the children with a special gift. Sandy will be arriving soon after we open the door for parents, so please make sure that you are on time. It is going to be a lot of fun and we hope everyone will be able to join us for this special day!

Christmas Break

The last day of class before the Christmas break will be on **Wednesday December 20th. School will re-open on Monday January 8th.**

Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Sorrows School will be having Breakfast with Santa on **Friday December 22nd**. The preschool will have a designated time slot. In the past it has been around 9:15am. More information will be given to you at a closer date.

Extreme Weather- Snow Weather Procedures

In the event of a severe snowfall the school may be closed. It is important that parents listen to CKNW radio 980 am, as school closures will be announced by 8:00am. The school website (www.ourladyofsorrows.ca) should also be checked for any school closure information. You will also receive a phone call from a teacher around 7:30am. If there is no announcement, or call from a teacher, then school will be open. You can also call the school phone 604 253-2234 before 8:30am to check if the phone message has been updated. Please avoid trying to call the school after 8:00am, as it is difficult for us to handle the many calls in the morning, and we will be trying to take calls for absences only.

As conditions are local, it is difficult to gauge closures by the surrounding schools. It is also possible that the school may be closed due to power outages, or local hazards, (water, fire, flooding, icy road conditions, or other safety issues) which may happen at anytime. If it is a normal school day, when we close, we will keep the students safe as long as necessary to allow parents to pick them up. So it is very important that we have up to date emergency contact information, and parent work numbers. Please inform us of any changes in personal information as soon as possible.

Parents must make individual decisions as to the safety, and feasibility of sending your child to school. Parents are always encouraged to do what is in the best interest of their child and family in these types of conditions, as well as in health issues. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us continue to pray for safety on the roads and for our students.



*Wishing you
a season of gladness,
a season of cheer,
and to top it all off-
a wonderful year.*

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

