Welcome BACK

We hope everyone had a great break and is coming back rested, healthy, and ready to learn! It's been a long couple of weeks and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We have some exciting things happening around the classroom this month!

JANVARY

While Christmas may be over, we are still celebrating the Christmas season through Epiphany and the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We will be discussing this as well as the New Year celebration and resolving to be our best!

This month we are continuing to work on and combine the many literacy concepts that have been introduced up until now to build and decode words. We will also be introducing reciprocal teaching to build comprehension skills while listening that students can transfer to independent reading.

SPACe Theme

With the winter stretching on and the excitement of the season waning, we are going to take our learning in a different direction and explore space! This lends itself well to numeracy concepts and other STEAM activities, along with imaginative play and storytelling We will also have access to our school's Loose Parts program starting this month, which is sure to lead to some amazing creations and learning! As per usual, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to spend at minimum 45 minutes outside in the fresh air (indoor recess days aside)!

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HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Please see the <u>communication from EICS</u> regarding a safe return to school. It is important to note that all students and staff are required to wear a mask in all areas of the school, including while seated in class. Please continue to screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19 using the <u>Alberta Health Daily Checklist</u>.

Our mindful movement facilitator has requested we postpone our sessions for the next month for their own safety, but we will resume when safe to do so.

We understand there may be some anxiety and unease around sending your child back to school. Please know that we are doing our best to ensure a safe and successful return to learning. Feel free to contact myself, Mrs. Antoniuk <u>karena@eics.ab.ca</u> or Alison Norrie (FWW) <u>allison.norrie@eics.ab.ca</u> should you wish to discuss your concerns.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Christmas	/			Christmas
Break				Break
10	11	12	13	14 T/Th
Welcome		Tournament of		
Back!		Books begins! Christmas		
		Mass 1:00		
17	18	19	20	21 M/W
		School Council		
		Meeting		Heaven's Birthday!
24	25	26	27	28 T/Th
				29-BOTTLE DRIVE
31	January 12-Christmas Mass 1:00pm (virtual)			
PD Day-no	January 12-Tournament of Books begins			
school	JANUARY 29-BOTTLE DRIVE IIAM-2PM			

January 31-PD Day-no school

February 1&2-Winter Wonderland in-school field trip