



## December News – Année 1A

It's hard to believe that three months have gone by already. We are having a great time with your children and love to see how willing they are to learn. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday time and a Happy New Year. Please remember that preschool is closed over the Christmas break, with your class's Christmas party on your first class of the last week of school and then your Christmas break begins after the Christmas concert, (**December 20 – January 6 inclusive**). Classes resume the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that calendars and newsletters are posted on our website, should you misplace or delete your own copy.

### **Un petit rappel / Gentle Reminders**

1. Please remember to take your child to the bathroom upon arrival at school and before going in to class.
2. Please be sure to empty out your child's mailbox of crafts and notes at the end of each day.

### **Ce qu'on apprend / What we're learning**

This month we are learning about the Winter Holidays. The colour of the month is rouge (red). Below is some of the vocabulary that we will be learning throughout the month.

#### **Le mois de décembre (the month of December):**

**Le thème:** les vacances (holidays)

- Noël (Christmas)
- Un sapin de Noël (Christmas tree)
- Le Père Noël (Santa)
- Un bonhomme de neige (snowman)
- L'hiver (winter)
- La neige (snow)
- Une étoile (star)

**La couleur:** rouge (red)

- Colour a picture using only rouge.
- Can you see anything outside that is rouge?
- What is rouge at your house?

**L'alphabet:** J, F

- Is this letter in your name?
- Can you write this letter?
- Look for the letter when you're out with your family.

## **Concert de Noël / Christmas Concert**

We will be holding our Christmas Concert for all four classes on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in **Campbelltown School gym (271 Conifer Street) and NOT at Sherwood Heights School.** Parents are expected to attend with their child. The children have already begun to learn their songs and dances and are having a great time doing so. **Please bring your child to the school for 6:15pm.** Due to the size of the gym, each family will have a limit of **4 tickets, for 4 guests to attend. Your preschool child does NOT require a ticket.** If necessary, we can help families acquire an extra ticket each, especially if immediate family size is 6, and thus 4 tickets doesn't even allow for the siblings and parents to attend. If you have extra tickets that you won't be using or you have 2 children in our preschool and thus receive 8 tickets, please hand extras back to your teacher so we can redistribute them to those really in need. Please note that, due to fire code regulations, every guest (including small children and infants in car seats) must have a ticket. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending the concert. Christmas concert tickets will be distributed the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Each child will require some props for the concert. As soon as possible, and by December 4<sup>th</sup> at the latest, please send the following to school:

- A small Christmas gift bag (not for wine), clearly labeled with your child's name, **and inside the bag:**
- A box of macaroni and cheese (to use as a shaking instrument) wrapped in Christmas paper.
- A winter toque
- A functioning flashlight that your child can turn on and off on their own

We will also be collecting donations for the food bank that night, so please bring a donation. We will add each child's macaroni box to the donation. We will also have a Silver Collection bowl for willing families to contribute toward the rental cost of the gym for the evening.

## **Don de charité / Charity donation: Ronald McDonald House gift cards**

As emailed, we will be collecting donations of gift cards for teenagers and adults living at Ronald McDonald House. If you choose to contribute, please submit your donation to a preschool staff member by December 6<sup>th</sup>, with thanks! Please check your email for recommendations of the gift cards most in need.

**Fête de Noël / Christmas Party**

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Christmas party for the class. We will need 4 parent volunteers for this party. We would like to give all parents an opportunity to help at a party, so if you already volunteered for the Halloween Party, we will take your name, and let you know if we don't get enough new volunteers. Please email us ([petits-soleils@shaw.ca](mailto:petits-soleils@shaw.ca)) if you would like to volunteer as an extra parent helper.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Merci!

Madame Kathryn and Madame Hayley