



St. Francis Xavier School

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News from 5C

Theme for 2016-2017: Care For Our Common Home



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! I hope you enjoyed a blessed and relaxing Christmas holiday and that you're ready for a busy term ahead. Let's continue to live this New Year with gratitude and thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Setting Goals

With the start of a new year, the Grade 5s will spend some time reflecting on their personal strengths and challenges. Then, each student will set some short term goals for this term and briefly brainstorm an action plan for themselves in striving for these. We will periodically revisit our objectives throughout this term to help keep us accountable in reaching our goals. Parents are encouraged to dialogue and support your child in his/her endeavours.



Poets in the Making

In Language Arts, we will begin our study in poetry. We will explore different forms of poetry such as haikus, limericks, and concrete poems. Some forms of poems challenges us to focus on creating imagery while others follow a specific formula for rhyme and number of syllables. To write great poems, we have to use our imagination and experiment with strong and interesting vocabulary. You can support your child's learning by discussing the use of different descriptive terms and looking up interesting words together in a thesaurus!

Along with poetry, the Grade 5 class will also begin to prepare for the Speech Arts Festival. This year, we will present a choric drama which involves reciting a poem with actions. Together we will choose a poem, study its rhythm, and brainstorm actions to accompany our piece!

Gathering for Mass

In Grade 5 Religion, one of our major areas of focus is learning about the liturgical celebration of the Mass. In the following months, we will be exploring the many aspects of this sacrament starting with the Liturgy of the Word in term two. We will learn that the Holy Spirit strengthens the whole community and forms us as an assembly. In worship and daily living, we show that through the Eucharist Christ lives in us and we live in Christ.

As a summative project, we will show what we have learned by creating a Mass booklet for the Grade 2 class as a gift for their First Holy Communion.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events:

- ♦ Tuesday, January 3rd:
Professional Development Day—No School
- ♦ Wednesday, January 4th:
School Reopens
- ♦ Wednesday, January 18th:
SFX Open House
- ♦ Friday, January 27th: *Re-registration packages sent home*
- ♦ Friday, January 27th:
Chinese New Year Celebration and Noon Dismissal
- ♦ Saturday, January 28th:
Happy Lunar New Year!
- ♦ Tuesday, February 7th:
SFX Intermediate Speech Arts Performances
- ♦ Tuesday, February 7th:
Grade 3-5 Confessionals

