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| Room 118 December 2015 Carleton/Foster | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3  HSCC Pizza Lunch  Gr. 6-8 Snowball Dance 6-9:30 | 4  No School  PD Day | 5 |
| 6 | 7  First Day of Hanukkah | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  Skating pm | 12 |
| 13 | 14  SRC Candy Cane Sale  Dec. 14-17  Genius Hour Presentations | 15  A-K  Winter Concert  1:30 pm  7 pm | 16  L-Z  Winter Concert  1:30 pm  7 pm | 17  Swimming pm | 18  SRC PJ Day  Class Auction  Last Day of Classes  2:30 Dismissal | 19 |
| 20 | 21  Winter Solstice | Winter Vacation / Holidays | 23  Mawlid Un Nabi | 24  Christmas Eve | 25  Christmas Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29  Classes Resume January 4, 2016 | 30 | 31  New Year’s Eve |  |  |

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Math - Unit of Study: Multiplication and Division

Students have just completed the first half of this Unit on Multiplication. We are now moving on to Division where they will demonstrate, with and without concrete materials, an understanding of division and will be able to interpret remainders to solve problems.

Science - Unit of Study: Properties and Changes in Materials

We will continue to work on our second unit, Properties and Changes in Materials. Students will investigate the characteristics and physical properties of materials in solid, liquid and gaseous states of matter. They will examine how reversible and non-reversible changes alter materials. Finally, students will assess how the production, use and disposal of raw materials and manufactured products affects self, society and the environment.

Health - Unit of Study: Self-Regulation, Responsibility & Eating Practices

Students have begun learning about the different nutrients found in food and soon they will begin to analyze their own personal eating practices. We will also look at nutrition labels and learn how to read them and will finish the unit by making our own personalized class cookbook! Students will also be doing a mini unit, where they will evaluate the importance of self-regulation and taking responsibility for one’s actions. (We likely won’t have time for our mini unit this month but we will start it in the New Year.)

Art – Islamic Stained Glass

We will continue to work on this project during the month of December. We can’t wait to get the art in our class window! It’s going to add so much colour and brightness!

~ Mrs. Carleton ☺

It’s hard to believe that December is here! We will be busy preparing our Christmas Concert and look forward to seeing you there.

Social: We will be presenting our First Nations Values assignments and finishing up our work with our Aboriginal heritage.

French: We will finish our “Ma classe et Moi” unit. We are working on listening, speaking, and reading activities with this vocabulary.

Literacy:

We have earned a Hawaiian party because two of our students have reached Hawaii in our Read Across Canada project. Keep up the great reading!

I will be asking students to bring their favourite Christmas/Hannuka/Winter picture books or stories to share with a partner for “Read to Someone” activities.

Students are nearly finished their “What’s Your Normal” paragraphs and we will be adding the introduction and conclusion to their essays before they present. The will continue to free write this month using Write About, Storybird, and our own imaginations.

Genius Hour presentations will be the week of December 14.  Students are busy researching and finding the best way to present what they have learned.

I will be reading students the rest of “The Wonderful Journey of Edward Tulane”, and we will continue our weekly word work activities.

Have a wonderful break, with lots of time for family and friends!

~ Mrs. Foster