



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Friday, December 10, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

Only 7 school days until Christmas break and the final touches are being made to our virtual Christmas concert performances! It is a busy time of year to be sure!

School Council/Parent Society: A huge thank you and our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our Parent Society who have kindly donated \$500 to help us purchase resources, such as games and books, to use with students in our Wellness Program.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, our second Hot Lunch of the year ran smoothly. Remember if you want to [order Hot Lunch](#) you need to do so at least ten days in advance.

Literacy: As educators, we love when we hear the question: ***What can I do at home to help my child with literacy skills?*** Here are a few tips that you can easily try at home with your child to support learning and foster a love of reading.

Did you Know?

***Establishing a routine** of reading before bed is a great way to foster a love of reading! Encourage your child to re-read their favourite book over and over again. This will help build confidence in their reading abilities.

***Reading fluency** is the ability to read text with **speed, accuracy, and proper expression**. Try reading with your child tonight and tune in to the expression they are using throughout the story. Read it out loud back to your child with an emphasis on expression.

*Ask your child what they like to read about most! Books about space, unicorns and hockey? This will provide insight into books that will captivate your little reader.

***Comprehension Questions about Self-Monitoring and Self-Correction**

Self-monitoring is when a reader notices their own reading errors. Self-correction is the ability to go back and fix those errors. When a child realizes they have made a mistake we want them to stop so they can develop a full understanding. Many young readers struggle to notice reading errors because of a lack of comprehension. Use these

questions to develop these skills further: Does that sound right? Does it make sense? Do the illustrations help you understand the story? What parts of the story didn't you understand? Go back and reread to make sense. If you don't understand something, what strategies could you use to help? Why did you stop reading? (<https://childrenslibrarylady.com/comprehension-questions-successful-reading/>)

Important Dates in December:

December 10 – Christmas Wear Day! Wear a fun, school appropriate Christmas inspired outfit! For example, an ugly Christmas sweater or anything red and green.

December 14 – Class Christmas concerts available on Brightspace.

December 16 – Board of Trustees meeting is [live streamed](#).

December 17 – Christmas Wear Day! Wear a fun, school appropriate Christmas inspired outfit! For example, an ugly Christmas sweater or anything red and green.

December 20 – PJ, milk and cookie day for Ms. Olsen's ECS class

December 21 – PJ, milk and cookie day for Ms. Thompson's ECS class and grades 1 to 6 students; last day of school before Christmas break

December 22 - Christmas break begins!

January 5 - Classes resume

The weather report looks promising this weekend. Hopefully you can get outside and enjoy the mild temperatures!

Sincerely,

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