

Homework Calendar Grades 1 to 3 December 2017

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Homework Week of December 4 to 8	Reading and Writing	<p>Ride and Read. Keep some familiar children's picture books in the car for your child to look at. Your child can look at the pictures and tell you the story in his/her own way. You can ask questions that invite your child to explain the story to you. For example, ask "Why was the little boy mad at his brother?" Ask questions that invite your child to compare stories. "Do you like this book or the other book better? Why?"</p> <p>Dolch Words: (sight words) Learn five new words and practice them throughout the week. Here is a link to the dolch words for preprimer to Grade 3. Please contact your teacher for guidance as to what words your child is working with. http://bit.ly/2yUNZTh</p> <p>Write each one of your five words on index cards. Add the five word cards to your word ring. Practice them often to develop rapid recall.</p> <p>**Your child should be working on 3-5 new words every week. **Your child should be working on 3-5 new words every week.</p> <p>French Immersion words: https://docs.google.com/a/rscloud.ca/document/d/18O0ag1T0iaMP8nxwMlp1kSnBXwLGLBtaywXz8Ujoe7Q/edit?usp=sharing http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/</p>
	Math	<p>Can you fill it? - PBS Kids Capacity Challenge</p> <p>Here's a challenge for you: We've got containers that need to be filled with water. You'll have a choice of three different sized pots to use. Pick the combination of pots that will fill the containers with the fewest number of pours, without spilling over.</p> <p>http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/math-games/can-you-fill-it/</p>
	Special Events	<p>International Volunteer Day: December 5 - Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Food Drive kicks off in schools across the Rainbow board. We invite families to read the article below detailing how you can get involved to support families in need. Please send in any spare canned food items that you can spare to support our local food banks. http://www.thesudburystar.com/2017/11/04/edgar-burton-food-drive-return</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much." Helen Keller</i></p>
Homework Week of December 11 to 15	Reading and Writing	<p>Radio Ride. Listening to music is a great way to spend time together in the car. Find a radio station with music that you and your child both like. If you can't find one, take turns choosing. Listen to the music, and sing along if there are words. If not, talk about how the music sounds and how it makes you feel. "This music sounds like elephants trumpeting. It wakes me up!" Try different types of music- country, rock and roll, jazz and classical.</p>
	Math	<p>Odd Lids: Have your child sort through a box of odd lids to find lids for particular containers. Encourage them to state their choices before testing them.</p> <p>Ask: What sorts of things tell you it should be the right lid? Do you think it will be too big or small? Do we need to try all of the lids on each container? Draw out the idea that looking back and forth from the lid to the container can help us judge if it will be a close fit.</p>
	Supporting Exceptional Learners	<p>Understanding Anxiety - Promoting Mindfulness</p> <p>Anxiety is really just a form of stress. Anxiety mainly relates to worry about what might happen. If your child seems to be worried about something, ask about it. Encourage kids to put what's bothering them into words. Ask for key details and listen attentively. Sometimes just sharing the story with you can help lighten their load. Other ways to help kids deal with stress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show you care and understand-Offer reassurance and comfort • Guide kids to solutions- get kids to name how they are feeling, practice breathing techniques when they are feeling anxious • Make a difference-Sometimes children worry about things in the news or that could potentially be of concern in a school (e.g., fire drills). Talk with your child about the facts and the reasons behind their cause for worry. • Highlight the positive-Schedules are busy, but make sure there's time for your kids to do little things they feel good doing. Daily doses of positive emotions and experiences - like enjoyment, gratitude, love, amusement, relaxation, fun, and interest - offset stress and help kids do well. • Be a good role model - The most powerful lessons we teach kids are the ones we demonstrate. Your response to your own worries, stress, and frustrations can go a long way toward teaching your kids how to deal with everyday challenges.
Special Events	<p>CFUW- Sudbury Adopt-A-Family (http://www.cfuwsudbury.com/adopt-a-family.html)</p> <p>Collect sample toiletry items and drop them off together as a family (e.g.,shampoo, conditioner, soaps, cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Together we have made a difference!" Margaret Mead</i></p>	

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Homework Week of December 18 to 22	Reading and Writing	<p>Describing Food. The grocery store is a good place to learn specific names and words that describe things. For example, many children love pasta and there is linguine, spaghetti, macaroni, etc. Talk with your child about what is the same and what is different, using descriptive words. "The spaghetti and linguine are long and skinny compared to the macaroni." Write all dolch words on cards. Put all of the cards face down so players can't see what is written on them. Play KABOOM!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First player flips a card. 2. The player reads the word. If they read it correctly, they keep the card. If not, the card goes back. 3. The play continues with each player selecting one card at a time and reading the words. 4. Any player who pulls a KABOOM! has to place all of the cards back that they have accumulate and start at zero. `
	Math	<p>What's the weather like today? Use a media source, such as https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/weather/ontario/sudbury, to collect information about temperature, rainfall, snowfall, and daylight hours this week.</p> <p>Consider the following questions as you have a family discussion about the weather:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the temperature? • What is the weather like today? • Would you describe the weather as hot, warm, cold? • What type of clothing should be worn outside today? • If it is raining or snowing, are we getting a lot of rain or snow? • What activities could you do outdoors with your family based on today's weather?
	Special Events	<p>Winter Celebrations: Read this article about different celebrations at this time of year to your child. https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/winter-celebrations/#WH-hanukkah.jpg Have a discussion with your child about your own celebrations and how they are the same and different from other celebrations.</p>
Week of December 25 to 29	<p>Enjoy your holidays!</p> 	