NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR! -☺During the holidays, we hope your family had enjoyable times together with extended family and/or friends. We wish you all a great 2016! May this year bring you good health and much happiness. ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

Leader of the Day (LOD) Sharing

At the beginning of January, we are continuing to have each student share his/her favourite book with the class. It would be helpful if you could practice how to share this item by talking with your child about the 5 Ws.(**Who?** – Who gave you this book? **What?-** What is your favourite part? **Where?-** Where did it come from? (e.g., I borrowed it from the library., My parents bought it at the store., We cannot remember where we bought it from., etc.) **When?** - When did you get it? (e.g., It was a long time ago., I think I got it for my birthday., My Dad bought it for me last week when we went shopping., etc.) **Why?** - Why do you like it? (e.g., I like this book because it has very colourful pictures., I like it because I like learning about animals., The book has lots of rhyming words. I like stories about dogs., etc.)

The next round of sharing will **start with Rosalyn on January 12.** We are asking students to please share a favourite **winter activity** they like to engage in, either independently or with their family. For example, this could include skating, skiing, building a snowman or snowfort or going for a winter walk. **We will send home a planning sheet to be completed and brought in as an oral language guide during your child's sharing time.** It will focus on the 5 W's.

Scholastic Orders- Each month we will send your Scholastic book order form attached to the calendar. It is a great way to order a wide variety of books at reasonable prices. Not only will your child benefit from the books they receive each month, but the classroom also gets other bonuses from the points earned through the orders placed.

IT'S COLD OUT THERE! -As a gentle reminder, please ensure that your child arrives at school with the following:

- Snowsuit (Remember the snowpants!)
- Boots
- Mitts
- Hat
- Extra socks and mittens (remember we are out at least twice a day!) packed in his/her backpack

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER!