



# Caronport Elementary School Weekly Memo for Parents



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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 24-31 – Literacy Week

Wednesday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Family Literacy Day; Writing Contest Entries Due

Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Prep Day – No Classes

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*Family Literacy Day* takes place on January 27, 2021 – an annual initiative in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year that aims to raise awareness of the importance of learning together as a family.

This year's theme is Travel the World Together (not literally of course!). After a year of limited mobility, ABC Life Literacy Canada, the founder of *Family Literacy Day*, is encouraging families to use their imagination to explore and travel the world from the comfort of their home. Whether it be discovering what's in your own back yard or researching a faraway place, the opportunities for adventure are endless!

Here are 12 activity ideas for families to Travel the World Together this *Family Literacy Day*.

1. **SCC Contest.** See Cheryl Crocker's message below for a fun activity.
2. **The Story Behind Mrs. Olmstead's Bulletin Board** – Read your child's story together and celebrate your combined effort.
3. **Go online.** Research a country that interests you on the internet with your family. Find out things like the language they speak, their currency, and popular food, music and sports.
4. **Flags of the world.** Look up colourful flags from different countries and try drawing them together.
5. **Ciao!** Teach your family how to say hello and goodbye in different languages.
6. **Greetings from abroad.** Imagine you are on a vacation and write a postcard to a friend or family member. Describe the weather, what it's like and what activities you're doing.
7. **Map the world.** Look at a blank world map and try to name each continent and ocean. For more of a challenge, try identifying countries or even cities.
8. **Family vacation.** Research your next family vacation online together, even if you don't have one planned. Look up how much it will cost to travel there, hotels and activities, and put together a budget for your trip.
9. **Get cookin'!** Find a recipe for a popular international dish, such as butter chicken or paella. Follow the recipe together as a family and enjoy the meal you've cooked.

**10. Family history.** Research your family's history and culture. Learn about your family traditions (how about starting a new one!)

**11. Sounds of the world.** Go to YouTube as a family and play some popular songs from other countries. Dance and move to different tunes and hum along, trying to guess what the lyrics mean.

**12. A to Z.** Test your family's geographic knowledge by trying to name a country for every letter of the alphabet. Hint: there is one for every letter except X.

For more family literacy activity ideas and resources, visit [www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca).

## CES Winter Carnival- Next day that it SNOWS! Be ready!

The staff has put together a plan for an impromptu Winter Carnival on our next day of snowfall. We plan to take full advantage of that gift. This is your notice! While we always ask for your child to dress appropriately, we would like you to make an extra effort to ensure they are dressed to be outside all afternoon on the next school day with fresh fallen snow. We hope to use our new crazy carpets as well. Please let the school know if you would like your child to be exempt from tobogganing that day. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

## SCC Literacy Day Contest!

**We have created an easy, fun way to be involved in our CES Literacy Day. Just by participating, you could win a new board game for your classroom!**

**All you have to do to enter the contest is:**

- Take a photo of you with your favourite book (make sure we can see the title).
- Type 2-3 sentences that summarize the book or give an explanation of why it's your favourite book.
- Have one of your parents/guardians submit your photo and write-up to Cheryl Crocker (SCC member). It is preferable to receive the images by Facebook Messenger to Cheryl McDowell Crocker, but if you do not have Facebook, you can email them to [crockers@sasktel.net](mailto:crockers@sasktel.net).

Please be aware that if you send in a photo, it may be used by CES in an online newsletter.



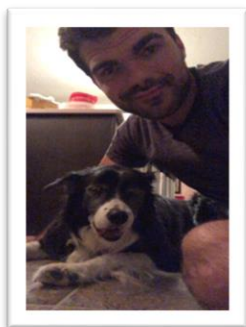
## Snack Snippet

*"Are you getting bored with the same old snacks you send each day? If so, here is the first of weekly healthy snack ideas that worked well with our children".*

*"Making a batch of healthy muffins or cookies, freezing them in individual wrapping, and frantically grabbing one at 8:47 am is a surprisingly easy solution! It will be thawed nicely by recess."*

*- Cheryl Crocker*

## Meet Our Staff!



**My name is Mr. Bechtold.**

**I am student teaching under Mr. Loveridge in physical education.**

**I enjoy playing sports and teaching skill development in various athletics.**

**Watching the students compete and have joy in physical activity has been a lot of fun!**

**Crystal Gray**, a University of Regina graduate, has studied voice, brass, woodwind, and percussion. She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2009. She was a member of the University of Regina Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, both under the direction of Dr. Aaron Mitchell. Crystal has taught private lessons for the Conservatory of Performing Arts in Regina and has developed a passion for performing and teaching. She has studied voice with Dr. Sophie Bouffard and currently studies under the tutelage of Dr. Ron de Jager. Crystal is the music director at Caronport Elementary School where she directs both the band and choir. She also teaches a wonderful class of grade four students! Crystal is currently completing a Master of Music Education degree from Western University.

