

December 1st, 2022

Dear Students and Parents,

We thoroughly enjoy reading with our Grade One buddies each Monday. With Advent and Christmas upon us, let's celebrate the season by choosing a favourite Christmas story from home or borrowing one from our class or school libraries.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 5th, we will work in class to prepare a fun book report presentation for our Grade 1 buddies and our Grade 6 peers. Kindly bring a Christmas gift bag (or decorate a paper bag) that suits your book.

### For your Grade One Buddies:

Depending on the length of your story- you may do a "book walk" where you show your Grade one buddy the pictures as you explain the plot and then choose to read important sections.

1. Prepare three questions to ask students- perhaps a prediction question at the beginning, a comprehension one during the reading or retelling and one at the end that requires their peer to share an opinion.
2. Collect or create 3-5 objects/items that represent the story elements (the character, the setting, theme (author's message), or a connection). Objects can be drawings or printed words or phrases that match the theme of the story. This will be explained further in class to assist your creative minds. Share your items with your Grade one buddy.

### For your Grade Six Peers:

Your choice here: A presentation is still a presentation if it's live with the whole group, live small group, live with just with your teacher (and a peer) or as a recorded presentation- Remember WE Video has many special effects too!

1. We will work on the content of these presentations in class this week. You may engage in extra practice at home if you wish. Be careful to not leave your book at home.
2. Presentations for Grade one are on Monday, Dec. 12th. Presentations for Grade 6 will be throughout the week next week (Dec. 19th-21st). We will do our best to give students choice wherever possible and draw names for the rest of the days.

### Student Presentation Guidelines for Gr 6 Peers:

- ❑ Introduce the title, author, illustrator and give a brief explanation of what your book is about (not a summary).
- ❑ Give a brief explanation why you have chosen this book.

Display and explain each item in your Christmas bag and how it relates to your book. Success Criteria for Presentation

- ❖ Be clear and stay on topic when speaking. For example, if you are discussing one item from your bag, complete your explanation before you begin with the next item.
- ❖ Speak in full sentences. For example: The book I have chosen is ~. It is written by~ and illustrated by~. I have chosen this book because~. In this bag, I have a collection of items that I believe connects to my book. The first item I would like to share is ~. It is important in the story because~
- ❖ Speak clearly, with good pacing and lively expression.
- ❖ Look at your audience/camera when speaking.
- ❖ Most importantly have fun and show your love for one of your favourite stories.

This assignment has always been one of my favourites, with so many fun memories and positive classroom sharing experiences. Let's make this one, one to remember and cherish..

Mrs. Lewis