

*A Bright, Better New Year*



Happy, Happy New Year!

We wish you all the best,

Great work to reach your fondest goals,

And when you're done, sweet rest.

We hope for your fulfillment,

Contentment, peace and more,

A brighter, better new year than

You've ever had before.

By Joanna Fuchs

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The New Year brings an opportunity for new learning experiences and those all important “New Year’s Resolutions.” Did you make any this year? Did you make any for your children?

We have a lot to learn in 2018! We will be starting cursive, moving on to SUBTRACTION 3 Minute Math, and we will continue to work on our independence in the classroom!

Here’s a quick look at what we have going on this month in **2J**!

**Math:** In Math this month we will be learning about collecting, comparing, and understanding data. We will be learning about pictographs, bar graphs, line plots, surveys and range, mode, and median. We will continue to do our daily timed 3 Minute Math as well, but we are now moving on to Subtraction! Keep practicing those math facts at home. Be sure to log in to Xtramath.org and IXL.com often to reinforce and practice math skills learned in class.

**Reading:** In Reading we will be focusing on a couple comprehension strategies. The first is "Author's Purpose" (P.I.E). We will be looking at different texts and deciding why the author wrote it; to persuade, to inform, or to entertain. The second strategy is "Drawing Conclusions" (or Inferring), this is a tricky strategy that we will be practicing a lot this year. In addition, we will also be working on our reading rate (speed or "words per minute").

**Religion:** In Religion we will be moving on to Unit 2: "Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation," where students will be learning about the Bible. We will talk about what the Bible can teach us and the different parts of the Bible. We will learn that God gave us laws called Commandments. We will also be preparing for St Christopher's Catholic Schools Week.

**Handwriting:** Yes! You heard right! We will be starting cursive this month! I know your children have been waiting! Woohoo!! :-)

Happy New Year!

Love,

Miss Jacques and 2J