



## **DATES AT-A-GLANCE:**

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
First day back to school

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Scholastic Book Orders Due

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Make-Up Day  
Royal Pizza Fieldtrip  
(morning fieldtrip with  
am/pm classes combined)

**Friday, February 2nd**  
School Visit Day

### **CHEEP INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF: JANUARY 2018**

**THEME: FOOD**

#### **STORIES OF THE MONTH:**

1. "The Little Red Hen" (Val)
2. "Pizza Pat" (Sandra/Jamie)
3. "Stone Soup" (Val)
4. TBA

**DRAMATIC PLAY:** Throughout the 4 weeks of January we will be setting up a gross motor play area, a pizza restaurant with a kitchen to prepare and serve foods and drinks.

**OTHER CENTRES:** Children will be exploring puzzles, playdough tools and trappings, manipulative play and construction sets all related in some way to our theme of food. We also have a number of board games and movement songs incorporating food vocabulary with an additional emphasis on facilitating social interactions with peers and promoting pro-social skills.

**FINE MOTOR FOCUS:** tool use (eating utensils, crayons, pencils, scissors, tongs, paint brushes...)

**GROSS MOTOR FOCUS:** play activities that target strength will be a focus this month as we set up centres and work and play in the halls, gym and outside.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

\*We have an MSLP student who will be doing a placement with us for 2 months. If you haven't already met her, please introduce yourself to Claire. ☺