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Newsletter for September 29, 2023

Reminders

- Oct. 4 - School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- Golf Team Competition – Whitecourt
- Oct. 5 - Flag Football Tournament @ RVS – Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 6 – PD Day - No School
- Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- Oct. 11 – Picture Day
- Oct. 12 – Picture Day – Hot dog Day – Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 17 – Popcorn Day – Grade 6 Needles
- Oct. 19 – Performer – “Notorious Cree” @ 1 pm
- Oct. 23 - Gr. 7 CTF
- Oct. 24 – Gr. 7 CTF – Grade 6 Needles
- Oct. 26 – Gr. 7 CTF – Hot Lunch – Assembly @ 2:05 pm – Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 27 – Gr. 7 CTF – Family Movie Night @ 6:30 pm
- Oct. 31 – Hot dog Day – Halloween Activities (pm)



Fall is Here!

Well that was certainly a quick month! It is always a great break over the summer but there is certainly something to be said for getting back into a routine. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made it out to join us for the Meet the Staff Barbecue and for our Terry Fox Run. These were great events to get back into the swing of things and re-engage with the community! Our staff is slowly returning to normal this year with Mrs. Allen back already, Mrs. Wild returning after Christmas and Mrs. Benn rejoining the crew for the start of February. Mrs. Hill is in with the 3's and 5's in the morning; Ms. Suitor is with the grade 7's and Ms. Bablitz is splitting days with the 5/6 class. We have been, and continue to be, busy with a number of student activities this month. The cross-country running team had a wildly successful event this past Wednesday finishing with a 1st, 2nd, 5th and 10th in the grade 6 and 7 categories. This is the best we have ever done there, great job! The golf team has their tournament in Whitecourt this coming Tuesday and we are hosting the grade 6/7 flag football tournament on Thursday, October 5th! We hope you can come out and enjoy the fresh air and excitement with us on that day. I look forward to seeing what this year may present!!

On an office related note, can you please return you **Validation Forms** and pay your **Tech Fees** as soon as possible. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Kelly Muir

THINGS
TO DO AT
HOME:

- Practice printing first name (uppercase for first letter only)
- Practice getting coat and shoes on and off



Kindergarten News!

MRS. KALMBACH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Classroom Happenings...

Wow! What an exciting and busy month September was! The Kindergarten students have been busy learning the routines both inside and outside the classroom. For the most part, the Kindergarteners are adjusting well to our structured and non-structured activities!

This month the class has managed to study two letters. We have focused on the letters P and U. We are using the Animated Literacy program. This program is also used some in grade one. During the letter study, students learn the name of the letter and the sound. Each letter also has a character and a story to go with it. Feel free to ask your child about Polly Panda, or Uncle Upton! When a letter is studied,

the class also does a variety of activities with that letter (printing it, finding it, a craft, actions, etc). Practicing this at home will increase your child's success with learning the letters and sounds. For example, ask questions like "What is the name of this letter? What sound does it make?" When reading with your child, have them look for those letters in a sentence.

Every morning the kindergarten students have been practicing printing their names. Students are encouraged to print their name with an upper case for the first letter and lower case for the remainder of their name. This is a skill we will continue to practice until students have mastered it.

In Numeracy, the kindergartens have focused on numbers 0 and 1. Students practice writing this number, making the number and identifying the number. We will continue to study a number a week for the upcoming months. The students will also be studying about patterns. We will be focusing on simple AB colored patterns. They will continue to work on creating and identifying patterns.



Other...

Thank you to the parents that joined us for the Terry Fox Run. And way to go Kindergarten for walking so far!!

Library will be every Thursday. Please return books by this day. Also, please continue to send the mail envelopes back each day.

Thank you all for the beginning of a great year!!



September 29, 2023

Rich Valley Elementary School

Grade One

Important Dates:

- School Council Meeting @ 7 pm Oct. 4
- PD Day Oct. 6
- Happy Thanksgiving Oct. 9

It was yet another busy week and the students were fantastic! Just a reminder that all the information for our newsletter, spelling words and sharing lists can be found at <https://www.richvalleyschool.ca/> Go under the About tab and click on staff and then Rod Peterson. The newsletters, spelling words and sharing list is in the bar close to the top of the page or under Menu.



Science

In science the students are continuing to learn about objects and this week the students learned about mass. We discussed what mass is and used balance and bucket scales to compare objects. Some objects were heavier than others and some were lighter than others.



Language Arts

This week the students were busy learning about Chauncy Chipmuk. Chauncy Chipmunk likes the letters -ch. These two letters are our newest tool sound letters that we have put into our tool box. The students also heard the story of *Spring in the Kingdom of Ying*. This story was all about the -ing word family. Many words have the letters -ing in them. Ask your child to tell you some words that have the letters -ing in them.



Math

This week the students completed their assessments for patterning. They were asked to generate a pattern, show the same pattern using symbols, show a different pattern, describe the pattern, create actions for the pattern and identify a pattern in the classroom. So as you can read, the students were busy.

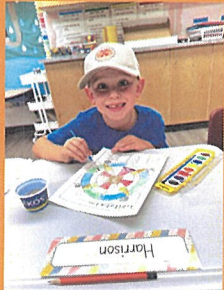
Next week the students will begin to investigate number sense.



Have a great weekend!
Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Hove

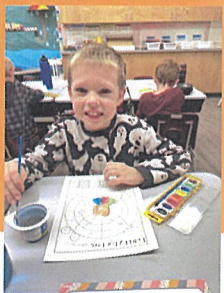


MRS. ZOLMER



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Oct. 4th- School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- Oct. 6th- No School
- Oct. 9th- No School
- Oct. 11th- Picture Day
- Oct. 12th- Picture Day
- Oct. 12th- Hot Dog Day
- Oct. 17th- Popcorn Day
- Oct. 19th- Notorious Cree Performance
- Oct. 26th- Hot Lunch
- Oct. 26th- Assembly at 2:05 pm



Grade 2/3 News



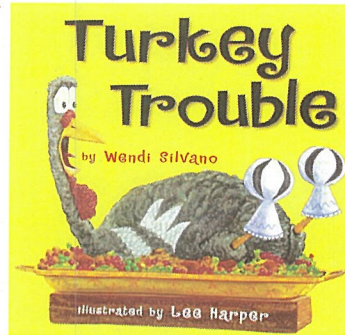
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Language Arts, Science, and Social

This month we spent time learning and setting in place the classroom routines. The students are all off to a great start.

In language arts, the students work through the Daily 5 rotations each week. In "work on writing," they listened to a story about a child who used their imagination to turn a box into multiple things. The students had the opportunity to do the same and write about it. They also started a new writing project that is Thanksgiving themed.

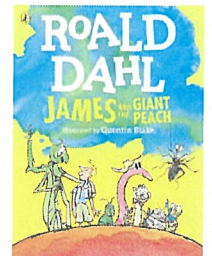
In "word work," the students are taking the focus for each week and practicing it in different activities.



This month the grade 2 students have started the new science curriculum!

Our first unit is based around objects and materials. The students have learned the difference between natural and human made materials, the flexibility of different materials, and objects that float vs. sink,

In grade 2 social studies this month, the students have been learning all about Meteghan. They have discovered the geographical location, what life was like in the early days, and things you can do/ explore there today!



Grade 3 Language Arts

This month, the grade 3 students have been diving into the Empowering Writers writing program. They have been learning all about adjectives and working on implementing them into their own sentences. The students have

also dabbled with using quotation marks for speaking parts in their writing.

This month the students have also started listening to me read "James and the Giant Peach" to them. Reading to the students allows them to

hear expression, pausing at appropriate spots, reflection on what they have heard/ read and asking questions about the authors thought process. The students are also completing writing tasks related to the book as well.



Grade 4/5 Classroom News



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Classroom and Language Arts Update

Welcome back!

September has been a busy month! It was absolutely fantastic welcoming students back to school after a great summer. We have been so fortunate to have had such beautiful weather all month long! The grade 4/5 class has easily fallen into the daily practices and routines.

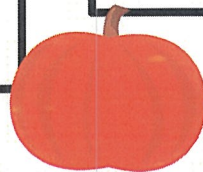
In language arts we have started our Daily 5 routine which includes spelling, handwriting, journal writing, partner reading, and quiet reading. The students have settled into their Daily 5 routine very well, and are showing enthusiasm towards learning new spelling words every week.

We also started a read aloud unit using the novel "Charlie and Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. Every day, students complete a journal entry about something we have read in the book. Everyone is enjoying the book, and are completing very detailed journal entries.

welcome back

Grade 4 Math Update

In math this month, the grade 4's have been working on the "Addition and Subtraction" unit. This unit covers addition and subtraction of larger numbers, and requires students to regroup within adding, and borrow within subtraction. Most days students participate in math centers. These centers include: Math with Teacher, Math on My Own, Math Games, and Math on Technology. Students are responding well to this model of math class, and are enjoying the ability to practice their math skills and strategies in different ways. Our next math unit will be place value, estimation, and rounding.



Grade 4 Science Update

The first science unit of the school year is "Waste and Our World". Throughout this unit students will learn about the different forms of waste, decomposition, where our garbage goes, and how we can help the environment through reducing, reusing, and recycling. The grade 4 class will have the opportunity to help with the recycling at the school. Twice a week students will help with the paper and bottle recycling by emptying the bins in each classroom. This is a responsibility the grade 4's will have all year long.

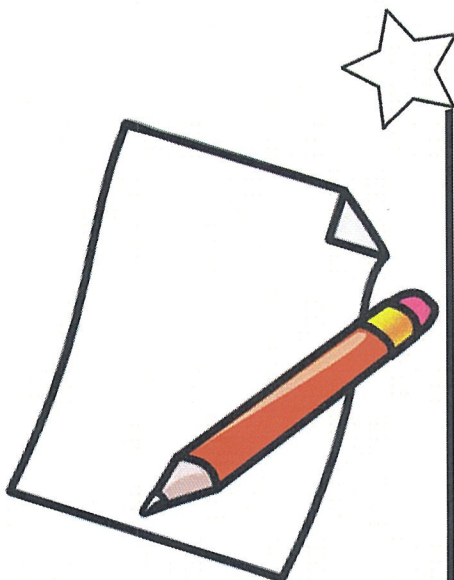
Important Dates!

PD Day - No School
October 6

Thanksgiving - No School
October 9

Picture Days
October 11-12

Notorious Cree Performance
October 19



Friday, Sept. 29th,
2023

Mrs. Allen &
Miss Bablitz



Language Arts 5/6 and Social 6 with Mrs. Allen

Language Arts 5/6

The students have been getting into the routine of Raz-kids, spelling, writing, and A.R. this past month. They are trying to focus on their work, increase their stamina, and learn how to budget their time to finish assignments each week. Ask your child how they feel they are keeping up with the workload so far this month.

The grade 6s are well into their novel study, Number the Stars, which is a historical WWII fiction book. What is happening in our novel right now, and what does your child predict will happen next?

The grade 5s are starting small Guided reading groups where we focus on their fluency, comprehension, and word meanings in a short book.

Social 6

The students have now had an introduction to democracy and what the 2 Greek words it comes from mean: demos = _____, cratos = _____. The grade 6s have been loving our various debates in social about school uniforms, cell phones, curfews, and more! Why is it important to debate respectfully with others? Why is it important to see various viewpoints?

We are now getting more into the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. What is one right you are guaranteed as a Canadian citizen? What are your responsibilities that go with it?

Math 6, Science 6, and Art/Music 5/6 with Miss Bablitz

Math 6

The students have been reviewing place value, multiples, factors and prime factorization. Key ideas they should know is that multiples get bigger and factors break numbers into smaller pieces. As your child, see the difference between prime and composite numbers, and see if they can give you an example!

Science 6

The students have been learning about the properties of air through various experiments. In one of the experiments the students had to make air powered cars that they raced in the school Assembly. See if your child can list five properties of air that they have learned so far!

Art 5/6

Students have completed their Lifelands projects and they are on display in the hallway. Fellow students and staff have given a lot of compliments on the good work they did! Currently students are working with paint, completing an aboriginal dot art piece that originates from Australia! Students have been exposed to cool and warm colours, see if they could give you an example of each!

Passion Projects Grade 5

Students have come up with an Inquiry question that has guided their research on an area or subject they want to learn more about. They will be making displays and sharing them with the school on October 20th!



September Grade 7 Newsletter 2023-24



Social

This month, students have been comparing and contrasting diverse social and economic structures within the societies of Aboriginal, French and British peoples in pre-Confederation Canada. So far we have discussed three Indigenous Groups including the Mi'kmaq, Anishinabe, and Haudenosaunee societies.

Science

This month's science focus has been on, "Interactions and Ecosystems". So far, students have studied the relationships between living and nonliving things that make up an ecosystem, the basic needs of living things, as well as some of the impacts humans have within these ecosystems. Grade seven's have shown great interest in our science projects so far this year, and love talking about different species that exist on our planet!

Grade 7 Language Arts

To start of the year, students are working on an Autobiography Project about themselves/their life. Each chapter focuses in on different aspects of their life including their family history, their interests/hobbies, and even a brag page about their favourite memories and/or accomplishments that they are proud of! Students are making efforts to stay on topic, and pull relevant details from their lives to include in each chapter! The students are excited to finish their projects and create their very own book about themselves to keep for years to come!

Daily 5

The grade sevens have developed a great routine in our Daily 5 blocks. Here, students have the opportunity to develop their reading/writing skills at their own pace. Students are given designated blocks to rotate through stations including silent reading time, word work/vocabulary programming, and writing skills. I am very impressed with their ability to focus in, and use their time wisely as a class!

P.E/ Health



Students have been learning how to play Flag Football alongside the grade 6's this month in P.E. The Flag Football Tournament will be held at Rich Valley School on Oct 5th, Go Rhinos!

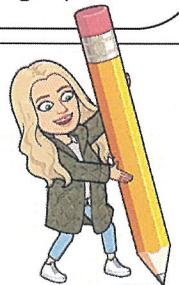
Grade 7 students in the area were able to come together this month on a Camp Warwa Field Trip. Fun was had by all, while the kids were able to bond with and grade 7 students from other schools. We can't wait for CTF week, where we will all be back together. More info on this week will be available ASAP!

Grade 7 Math

This month, the grade seven students have started their "Patterns and Relations Unit". In this unit, students use patterns to describe the world and to solve problems. Students are learning how to represent patterns using algebraic expressions, and graphing these patterns using a line graph.

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 4-Golf Team Comp
- Oct 5- Flag Football Tourney
- Oct 6- PD Day
- Oct 9- Thanksgiving
- Oct 11-12- Picture Day
- Oct 12/31- Hot Dog Days
- Oct 17- Popcorn Day
- Oct 19 Notorious Cree Performs @1pm
- Oct 23-27- Grade 7 CTF Week (info to come)**
- Oct 26- No Hot lunch for grade 7 (CTF)
- Oct 27-Family Movie Night @6:30pm



Mrs. Hill's Class

NEWS from September

Grade 3 Math: I always like to begin the new school year with a unit on Telling Time. Using an analogue clock can present its challenges with the minute and hour hands while digital time is relatively straightforward to read, however, it's not so easy to understand the passage of time. We will continue to practice this all year. We have also been focusing on subtraction with regrouping. Again, a concept to always review and practice.

Grade 3 Social Studies and Science: These subjects are covered opposite one another, meaning one week of social then one week of science. In social, we've introduced the 4 countries that we will cover in grade 3; **Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine** and **India**. We have learned compass directions and where these countries are in the world in relation to us. The focus will be the Quality of Life in these countries by comparing them to our Quality of Life in Canada. This is the first year of the new Science curriculum and our first unit is **Matter**. The kids have already learned that matter is anything that takes up space and has mass, that materials can change their shape and state, and about raw materials.



Grade 5 Math: The gr 5s have adjusted well to the routine established in our math classes. Each day we review addition and subtraction facts through whole class games with dice or cards and activities using dry erase markers. We focused on place value and have concentrated on the use of small values to the right of the decimal place. Our small group center rotation consists of teacher time, working alone on the new material, reinforcement with a game and then technology time for further practice. Students have been encouraged to continually practice their basic addition and subtraction, multiplication and division facts.



Working
**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES**

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery



Test Your Detectors Every Month!
Know Two Ways Out!
Practice Your Escape Plan Often!
Have A Meeting Place!
Know Your Address!
Have Your Address Visible!

