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Newsletter for March 22, 2024

UPCOMING APRIL REMINDERS!

- April 2 – First Day back after Easter Break
- April 3 – Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm, Kindergarten Registration Night @ 6:30pm
- April 8,9,10,11,15 – Swimming for all grades
- April 9 – Popcorn Day
- April 12 – Jersey Day, Family Movie Night
- April 16 – Parents Info Session @ 6:30pm – “Grief” Navigating the Impact of Loss
- April 18 – Hotdog Day
- April 19 – Grade 6 Needles
- April 23 – Author – ‘Joan Marie Galat’ Presentation
- April 25 – Pasta Hot Lunch, Assembly @ 2:30 pm, Colorhouse Team Dress Up Day
- April 26 – Badminton Tournament
- April 29,30 – May 2,3 – CTF Grade 7
- April 30 – Hotdog Day



Principal's Message

Apart from a few rough days of weather, March turned out to be an excellent month! Fortunately, we squeezed in our Winter Carnival just before the snow melted, which is happening swiftly on the school grounds! Our grade 6's and 7's concluded their basketball season with remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship showcased during the Onoway tournament. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have dedicated their time to assist or participate in hot lunch days, special events, and assemblies, over the past months. Our assemblies remain both informative and enjoyable. During our assemblies, a different grade has showcased their classroom learning or provided a special performance each month, we have had grade level challenges, intramural points updates, and exciting events promoted by the School Council/Enhancement Society. If you haven't joined us yet, we invite you to do so in the upcoming months! April's assembly will feature Kindergarten, followed by Grade 1 in May.

Looking ahead, there's much to anticipate next month. Kindergarten Registration Night is on April 3rd at 6:30 pm. We will have another enjoyable Movie Night on April 12th. We also have the author Joan Marie Galat visiting us on April 23rd. The grade 7's will wrap up their CTF programming alongside peers from Grasmere, Darwell, and Onoway, leading into their high school visit and the grade 8 registration packages coming home. The grade 6 and 7 students can showcase their badminton skills and strategies by joining the badminton team. The tournament is scheduled for April 26th at Onoway Elementary School, offering categories for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Additionally, the entire school will have swimming lessons on April 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 15th (yes, the 15th, not the 12th). Hold on tight, the next three months will fly by!

Have a fantastic Spring and Easter Break!

Rod Peterson

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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Literacy

In literacy, the kindergarten students have had a very busy month. This month they learned the letters J, K and F. Students also spent some time reviewing previously learned letters. In addition, students practiced printing words and completing a couple of listen and draws (mystery pictures). The class has been continuing to work on letter/sound production, beginning sounds and rhyming. In the near future, the students will also begin learning some sight words. These concepts are being taught in a variety of ways. Listening to stories/songs, reading, playing games, sharing, crafts and worksheets are all a part of the learning process.

Numeracy

In numeracy, we have been reviewing numbers studied thus far (1-6). This includes being able to recognize the numeral, counting objects and familiarity with ten frames, number lines and tally marks.

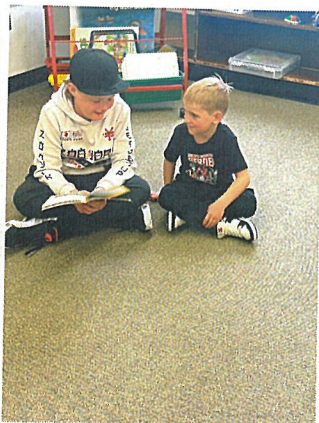
Other

Earlier this month, kindergarten participated in the school wide Winter Fun Day. It was a beautiful day of outside games, cookies and hot cocoa!

Spring break for Kindergarten will be from March 23—April 1. April 2 will be our first day back. Enjoy your break!



Winter Fun Day!



Reading Buddy Fun!

We will be pairing up with our older reading buddies every Wednesday for the remainder of the year!



Miss Suitor's Grade 1 March Newsletter



Language Arts

Students are learning about the structure of a story (characters, setting, problem), as well as identifying the beginning, middle and end of a story. We have been working hard on our printing in class, and are continuing to work on using our tool sounds and sight words to guide us in writing independently.

Math

The Grade Ones are continuing to work on developing strategies to solve addition and subtraction math problems. Lately, we have been working with part-part whole triangles and fact families to guide us in our thinking. Number lines, manipulatives, doubles/mental math, and fact family triangles are just some of the strategies we can use!

Social

In Social Studies, we have continued to discuss community and how our actions and decisions contribute to the well-being of groups, and natural environment of our community.

Science

In science the Grade Ones are learning about living and nonliving things. We examine the needs of plants and animals and talk about their similarities and differences!



WRITING, MATH, AND ART

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 25th– April 1st: Spring Break
- April 3rd- Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- April 3rd– Kindergarten Registration Night @ 6:30 pm
- April 8th– 11th: Swimming
- April 15th– Swimming
- April 9th– Popcorn Day
- April 12th– Jersey Day and Movie Night (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- April 16th- Parent Info Session on Grief
- April 18th– Hotdog Day
- April 23rd– Author Presentation
- April 25th– Pasta Hot Lunch and Assembly @ 2:30 pm

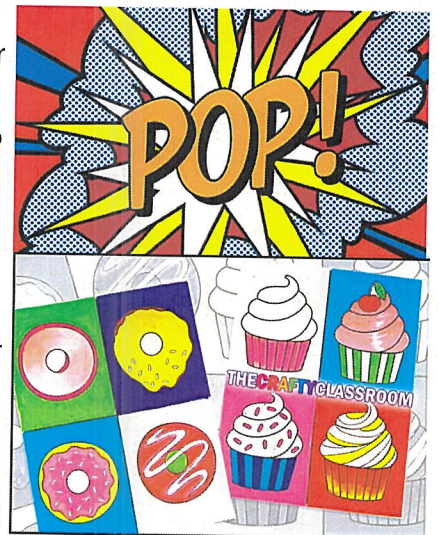
In writing we have been working on lengthening our pieces. The students continue to use the same writing format they were introduced to at the beginning of the year, however, within each idea, they need to have a minimum of 3 detailed sentences. The students are shocked at how much they can write! The Grade 2 students practiced using the dictionary when learning about “th” in Sound City. They had to work with a partner to find 5 words with “th” in

them.

The focus in math this week has been around measurement as this is our new unit. They have learned non-standard units (i.e. blocks or paper clips), estimating, and how to use those units to measure a variety of items. In the coming weeks, the students will be getting into learning about standard measurement.

Over the course of the past 2 months, the students have been learning about Pop Art. They have

learned about the artists Any Warhol and Jim Dine and had the opportunity to create their own version of Pop Art.



Andy Warhol– Pop Art

GRADE 3– CHARLOTTE’S WEB AND CURSIVE

This month the Grade 3 students have been working through the novel “Charlotte’s Web.” They read the assigned chapters in a couple of different ways: with a partner, independently, or listen to it being read as they follow along. We are

nearing the end of the novel. Once Charlotte’s Web is completed, the students will do a project based around their favourite chapter.

The students have also been working on their cursive writing. They are learning 2 new letters per week. Once they

have practiced the new letters using a whiteboard strip and feel confident, they complete the correlating letter sheet. The students are showing some impressive cursive writing skills!





Grade 4/5 Classroom News

FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

Classroom and Language Arts Update

For the month of March students learned about how to write a newspaper article. They looked at the structure and elements of a newspaper article which included a headline, a lead or hook, the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why), the body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Then they were challenged to write their own article about a Leprechaun causing chaos at Rich Valley. Students had to come up with their own description of a Leprechaun, and get creative with ways to catch it. They even had the opportunity to interview Mr. Peterson about the situation so that they could use quote in their articles.

They started their book club style novel study this month. They are in different groups reading different novels. The novels are: Mice at Centre Ice, Socks, Boxcar Children, and Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. They are working well in their groups by reading, answering questions, and working on various activities.

After Spring Break spelling will start again, and students will begin planning another piece of narrative writing.

Grade 4 Math Update

This month students started working with decimals. They learned that fractions can be converted into decimals as long as the numerator is 10 or 100. Students used their ability to find equivalent fractions to change denominators, and then convert the fractions into decimals. Students worked hard at using proper terminology, and made the connections between decimals and money. After wrapping up with decimals students moved onto percent, which required them to use their knowledge of fractions, decimals, multiplication, and division. They showed a good understanding of percent. After Spring Break we will move onto Patterns and Equations.

Grade 4 Social Update

The grade 4's have been learning about the Fur Trade and the first settlements across Alberta. They completed a piece of writing on Voyageurs, and then went onto to learn about French settlements in Alberta. They created a postcard about a small town or community in Alberta that was initially settled by the French. Students did a wonderful job on their postcards! They then moved onto learning about the Metis. Students learned about history, culture, and language of the Metis people. They are currently creating posters that showcase their knowledge about and understanding of the Metis.

Have a wonderful and restful Spring Break! See you on April 2nd!

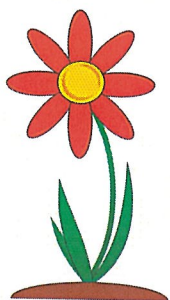
IMPORTANT DATES!

Swimming
April 8-11 & 15

Popcorn Day
April 9

Jersey Day
April 12

Author Presentation
April 23



Thursday, March 21st, 2024

Grade 5/6

Mrs. Allen & Miss Bablitz

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

Language Arts %

The grade 6s have finished their novel "The Breadwinner," and are enjoying watching the animated movie these past 2 days before spring break. When we return, we will likely do a research project about various human-made structures of the land, and how meaning is conveyed through these structures.

After spring break, we will move onto homophones in spelling. Why is it important to know how to spell different words that sound the same, but have different meanings, correctly? When would it be important to know this skill in real life?

In writing, we have moved onto building suspense by using word referents (clues that are adjectives or nouns). The class is creating slideshows by themselves and with a partner as well.

Social 6

The students will write their Iroquois Confederacy quiz when we return from spring break. What was the Great Law of Peace? Who were the 6 nations? What kind of decision making did the Iroquois use compared to our Canadian government, as well as compared to Ancient Athens? What role did women have in Iroquois society vs. Ancient Athens?

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

Math 6

In Math we completed our Integers unit where students compared, and added integers. After spring break we will be moving into Algebra. Over spring break I encourage you to continue to work with your child practicing their basic facts.

Science 6

We have continued to work through the Sky Science Unit. Students presented their constellation projects and they all did great! We will be looking at moon phases and sun dials after spring break!

Art/ Music %

Students who sent in their addresses for their virtual "hugs" were sent out to the people of their choice! We completed our Traditional Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating (Pysanky) for Easter just before break! Students also got a chance to learn the recorder with Mrs. Allen.



Language/Social

This past month has been jammed pack with new material and content. In Language Arts we have been working on our Locked in Time novel. We finally finished reading and are now working on our final projects. The students are creating comics, brochures, posters, and written responses to showcase their understanding of the novel. We have also begun learning about poetry and figurative language.

During social, we have been working on the crucial events that led to Canadian Confederation. The students have been participating in class discussions, along with individual reading and research.

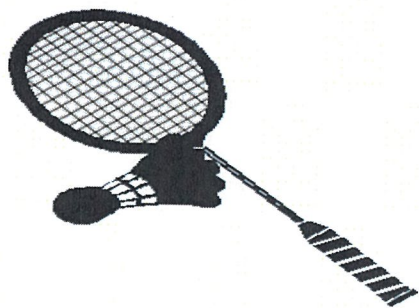


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Grade 7 News

Math/ Science

We wrapped up our Circles and Area unit, which was engaging and challenging. We are also almost finished a super short unit called: Adding and Subtracting Fractions and will then move onto our second last unit called Data Analysis. The students will come up with interesting ways to collect data, to then calculate the mean, mode, medium and range.



Get forget to get your badminton forms in, our first practice is on April 8th! Wishing everyone a wonderful spring break ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

During the month of March, we finished out Heat and Temperature unit, and will soon be starting Structure and Forces. We will learn about function, design, aesthetics, and the difference between internal and external forces. The students will get an opportunity to build bridges and showcase their understanding of external and internal forces. Stay tuned for a unit of BUILDING!

-Mrs. Benn

Mrs. Wild's

Grade 3s & 5s

Wow, it's already Spring Break, and Easter is right around the corner! The students have been working hard to wrap up a few units before the break and have earned themselves a week off!

Happy Spring Break!

Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3s have just finished their fractions unit, where they learned how to name and model different fractions, as well as compare fractions with the same and different denominators. They continue to practice their basic multiplication facts, and the algorithms for addition and subtraction of multi-digit numbers

Grade 3 Science

In Science the Grade 3s have continued to learn about forces and simple machines. So far, we have learned about the wheel and axle, inclined plane, and the wedge, and explored how these machines are used in our everyday lives, and how they increase or change the direction of a force to make work easier.

Grade 3 Social

In Social, we have finished the Ukraine unit! We will wrap up the unit with a Ukrainian feast and dance on Friday to lead us into our break!

Grade 5 Math

Do you know how to calculate the area of a rectangle? The Grade 5s do! They have spent the last week measuring and calculating the perimeters and areas of rectangles. Prior to that, they were learning all about fractions. This year, they learned to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, and convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. On Friday they will be converting some mixed up measurements in order to correctly interpret a recipe!

