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Newsletter for September 27, 2024

OCTOBER - REMINDERS

- Oct. 1 - Orange Shirt Day & Golf Team to Barrhead Golf Course
- Oct. 2 - School Council Meeting @ 7.00 pm
- Oct. 3 - Hot Dog Day & Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 7 - Golf Tournament - Whitecourt
- Oct. 9 - Flag Football Tournament @ RVS
- Oct. 10 - Popcorn Day & Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 11 - PD Day - No School
- Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day - No School
- Oct. 17 - Hot Dog Day & Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 21, 22, 24, 25 - CTF - Grade 7
- Oct. 22 - Bus Safety Day & Needles - Grade 6
- Oct. 24 - Assembly @ 2:05 & Spirit Wear Day
- Oct. 26 - Mini Handball Tournament
- Oct. 31 - Halloween activities in the afternoon & Spooky Pasta Hot Lunch



Principal's Message

Well, that was certainly a quick month and a great start up to the year! The students have quickly engaged in the classroom routines. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Meet the Staff Barbecue and our Terry Fox Run. These were great events to get back into the swing of things and re-engage with the community! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Rich Valley Fire Department for ensuring our Terry Fox Run was a safe one by having two trucks at different points on the road!

We have been, and continue to be, busy with a number of student activities this month. The cross-country running team, which consisted of students in grades 3-7, was very successful this past Wednesday in Whitecourt finishing with 2-1st place, 2-2nd place, 4-3rd place and 13 students finishing in the top 10. The golf team has their tournament in Whitecourt on Monday, October 7th. On Wednesday, October 9th we are hosting the grade 6/7 flag football tournament! We hope you can come out and enjoy the fresh air and excitement with us on that day.

On an office-related note, if you have not already done so, can you please return your **Validation Forms, Emergency Contact Information, Alternate Bus Drop-off Contact Information** (in case of an emergency) and pay your **Tech Fees** as soon as possible. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Rod Peterson

THINGS
TO DO AT
HOME:

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



Kindergarten News!

MRS. KALMBACH

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

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 Tuesday. 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!!



Miss Suitor's Grade 1



September Newsletter

Language Arts

The Grade One's have finished reviewing the alphabet using our Animated Literacy Characters! We have been playing various games to continue letter name and sound review. Students have been introduced to some tool sounds and sight words that will help guide them in their reading and writing. We will continue to reference/use these tool sounds and sight words throughout the year.

Math

In Math, the students are close to wrapping up their Patterning Unit! They have improved their skills in identifying patterns, creating patterns of their own, and continuing patterns given to them. We have been discussing patterns within our lives including days of the week, months of the year etc..

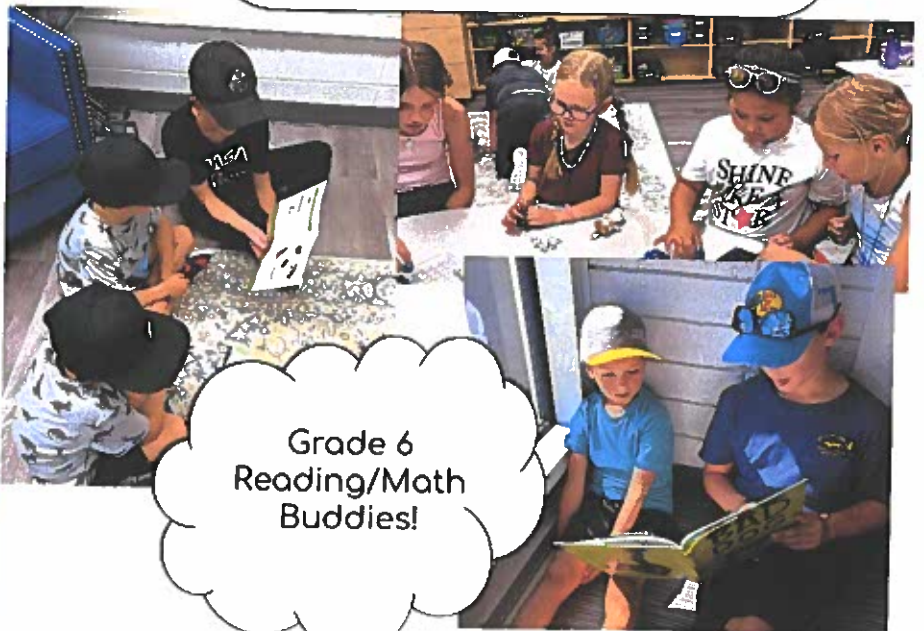
Social Studies

Students have been exploring what a community is and discussing the communities they are a part of.

Science

We are continuing to work through our Objects Unit. Within this unit, students are comparing different objects using Length and Width and height.

Our Doodle People made with Ms.Hovel!



Grade 6 Reading/Math Buddies!

Grade 2 News

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

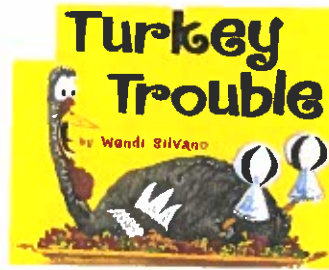
- October 1st- Orange Shirt Day
- October 2nd- School Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- October 3rd- Hot Dog Day
- October 9th- Flag Football Tournament
- October 10th- Popcorn Day
- October 11th and 14th- No School
- October 17th- Hot Dog Day
- October 24th- Assembly @ 2:05 pm
- October 31st- Halloween and Spooky Pasta Hot Lunch

Language Arts, Science and Social Studies

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.



Turkey Trouble

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This month in science, the students have been working through our first unit

on Matter. This unit is based around objects and materials. The students are in the middle of learning 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!

Art

In Art, the Grade 2's listened to the story called "The Giving Tree: A Retelling of a Métis Story." The story emphasizes the Métis core values and beliefs including strength, kindness, courage, tolerance, hones-

ty, respect, love, sharing, caring, balance, patience, and most of all, the important connection with the creator and Mother Earth. The students painted their own giving tree through the choice of wa-

tercolour or acrylic paint. They turned out beautifully and will be on display soon!





Grade 3/4 Classroom News



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

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 3/4 class has been working on settling into our daily routines.

In language arts we have started our Daily 5 routine which includes spelling, handwriting, journal writing, reading, and technology. The students have been working towards shorter transitions between centres, and focusing on their tasks. They are showing enthusiasm towards learning new spelling words every week.

We also started a read aloud unit using the novel "George's Marvelous Medicine" by Roald Dahl. Every day, students completed a journal entry about something we have read in the book. Everyone is enjoyed the book, and wrote good journal entries. In October we will begin our first novel study, "Bunnicula".

welcome back

Grade 4 Math Update

In math this month, the grade 4's have been working on the "Place Value" unit. This unit covers place value of numbers up to 6-digits, standard form, expanded form, written form, picture form, decimal place value, and rounding. 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 Addition and Subtraction.

Grade 4 Science Update

The first science unit of the school year is "Computer Science". Throughout this unit students have learned about the Design Process, which includes the following steps: Problem, Explore, Design, Create, Test, and Refine. Students learned about each of these steps through various activities. They are currently working on their final project which is called "The Missing Pencil Problem". They need to follow all of the design process to create a prototype that will solve a problem. Students have been very creative and engaged through the whole process.

Important Dates!

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - No School
September 30

Orange Shirt Day
October 1

PD Day - No School
October 11

Thanksgiving - No School
October 14



Mrs. Allen And



Language Arts and Math

Important Upcoming October Dates:

<i>PD Day- No school for students</i>	11
<i>Thanksgiving- no school</i>	14
<i>Bus Safety</i>	22
<i>Hot Dog Day</i>	3 & 17
<i>Popcorn Day</i>	10
<i>Halloween Activities PM & Hot Lunch</i>	31

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 class is 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?

Math 6

The class has been working on adding and subtracting decimals (with regrouping and borrowing), as well as multiplying and dividing decimals (3 digit by 2 digit). They will be having a quiz next week on these outcomes and review materials were sent home today.

Math 5

The class has been working on adding and subtracting decimals (with regrouping and borrowing), as well as multiplying and dividing whole numbers (3 digit by 2 digit). They will be having a quiz next week on these outcomes and review materials were sent home today.



Notes to Parents/ Guardians:

- Please encourage your child to read at least 15 min per night.
- Please check on your Remind account for daily/weekly updates in our classroom.
- Please sign up for Remind if you haven't already.

Art, Music, and Health

Art

We have completed projects this month that reflect our personalities, as well as a LEGO person. We are starting a spider web symmetry project next!

Music

We started recorders this month and have focused on the notes B, A, and G. We may have a Halloween style song prepared by the end of next month that we can present to you!

Health

We have focused this month on kindness and caring. How can you show kindness? What can you do? Why should we be kind and caring to others?

Grade 7 News



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This month, during our language arts periods, we have been focusing on completing our autobiographies. The grade 7's had to paragraph plan, write with flow, and do a paper edit. They were also able to show their creativity by adding personal

elements to their project! They are turning out amazing! We also worked on the elements that make a sentence complete, and continued our Daily 5 introductions. During math we worked with expressions and replacing numbers with variables. This can be a difficult concept to master, and so a lot of emphasis will be put on building confidence with this skill. Our science lessons have us exploring human impacts on ecosystems by completing a research project on the intended and unintended consequence we have on our planet. During social, we finished up Chapter 1 where we learned about three Indigenous groups and how their societies were structured. Next, we are moving onto European Exploration and how it helped shape Canada today.

Flag Football

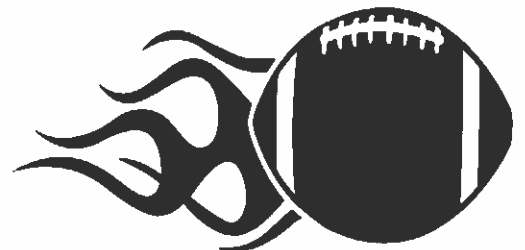
Over the last few weeks, the students have been very committed to building their skills and understanding of flag football. They are showing a lot of growth and sportsmanship and should be very proud of themselves. We are very excited for the last week of the season as we build confidence with our positioning and offensive plays. Go Rhinos Go!

Important Dates!

September 30th
National
Truth and
Reconciliation

October 1st
Orange Shirt
Day @ RVS

October 2nd
School
Council Mtg
@ 7 pm





Mrs. Wild's Room: Grades 3 & 6



Welcome back!

This year, the Grade 3 class comes down to my room for Math and Social Studies during the first three blocks of the day. The Grade 6 class is in my room for Science and Social during blocks 4 and 5.

Grade 3 Math & Social

The Grade 3 class has Math first thing in the morning. We are starting off the year by learning numbers to 1000. Eventually, the Grade 3s will be learning numbers up to 100000!

In Social, we have started by developing some mapping skills. They have been practising using directions (north, south, east, west), and have been looking at maps of the world, Canada, and Alberta in order to discuss terms such as hemisphere, longitude, latitude, equator, and prime meridian.

Grade 6 Science & Social

To start the year, we are completing the Matter unit in Science. In this unit, students learned all about the Particle Model of Matter, states of matter, and phase changes. They have also been learning about the expansion and contraction of matter in its different states, how water behaves when it changes to ice, and how ice acts as an insulator for bodies of water in the winter time. Next month, we will begin our first Social Studies unit.