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Newsletter for November 30, 2024

December – REMINDERS

- Dec. 4 – Grinchy Dress-Up Day, School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec. 7 – Winter Carnival at the Rich Valley Arena – 10:00 to 2:00 pm
- Dec. 12 – Hot Dog Day
- Dec. 16 - 20 – Caroling in the morning in the gym
- Dec. 16 – 19 – Festive Dress Up Week
- Dec. 18 – Christmas Concert Performances @ 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- Dec. 20 – PJ Day, Christmas Activities, Pizza Lunch, Movie & Popcorn
- Dec. 21 – Jan 5 – Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 6, 2025 – Students first day back



Principal's Message:

We began the month with our annual Remembrance Day ceremony, where all classes performed a poem or song. The students showed outstanding respect for the significance of the ceremony. A big thank you to Mrs. Zolmer for hosting the ceremony, and a special thank you to the Onoway Legion for having 10 members present! This year, the judging of the posters, poems, and essays was a bit different. Students submitted their work before the ceremony, and the Legion members judged the entries, announcing the winners during the ceremony. Congratulations to all the winners, as well as to those whose work has advanced to the next level!

The Fall Break was a welcome treat, especially with a few extra days off. A week later, we had a full week of skating, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to the parents who helped tie skates and make it a smooth experience for the students! We followed up quickly with report cards going home and parent-teacher interviews on Wednesday and Thursday. We appreciate everyone who came out to these interviews, reinforcing that we are all partners in the students' education and working together to ensure their success.

On Wednesday, November 27th, I had the opportunity to present our annual Results Review to the Board of Trustees. This was a chance to reflect on the past year, discuss our current progress, share the goals and targets we have set for this year, and outline the strategies we plan to use to achieve those objectives. I also had the chance to hear updates from other schools and learn about exciting initiatives happening throughout the Division. It was a great day!

Looking ahead, I am excited for the Enhancement Society's 3rd Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, December 7th, at the Rich Valley Arena from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. I hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend.
Rod Peterson





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YOU

Kindergarten News

Literacy & Numeracy

In Literacy, the kindergarten students have spent some time reviewing the previous letters studied. In addition to this review, they have also learned the letter X, A and are still working on letter D. Thank you to all the families that are reviewing and practicing the letters/sounds at home. This will positively impact your child's learning and allow them further success. Kindergarten students can practice writing these letters at home. They may need help to show them the correct letter formations. For example, start each letter at the top and then go down. Another thing that can be done at home is looking for any of these letters in a book. While reading to your child ask if they can find the letter p on a page, or the letter d, etc.

In Numeracy, the kindergarten students have now completed their study of numbers up to (and including) the number 3. Students will continue to practice writing, counting, counting objects, subitizing and recognizing these numbers. The children also continued their study of patterns. They will continue to work on patterns (during calendar time) for the remainder of the year.

Special dates of interest

Dec. 18– Christmas Concert (1:00pm & 7:00pm)

Dec. 23-Jan 5– Christmas Break

Christmas Concert Info.

The school will be putting on a school wide Christmas Concert. The concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Performances at 1 and 7pm. Due to the concert being held on a Wednesday, we will have kindergarten that day! That week, we will have classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. NOT on Tuesday and Thursday. This will allow our class to participate in other school



Miss Suitor's Grade 1 November Newsletter



Language Arts

In Language Arts, We continue to refer to our "Tool Soundboard" and "Word Family" board, in order to guide our reading and writing. We will continue to practice these sounds during various activities and games. The students are continuing to learn and practice their sight words each week, thank you for completing the weekly homework!

Students are continuing to print their letters, names and words each morning. We have slowly started to write sentences together in our small groups focusing on upper-case letters, periods, as well as trying to segment word sounds and write them on our own.

Math

In Math, we are continuing our counting routine every morning using our days in school chart! The students are slowly learning how to count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We are breaking numbers into two parts, as well as putting two parts together to make a whole. We are also learning to use a number line to add 1 more, 2 more, and take away 1 less, and 2 less than a given number. We will slowly connect this concept to addition and subtraction as the year continues.

Social Studies

Students are continuing to exploring what community is and are learning how they can help their community and environment.

Science

We have started our Movement Unit in science. In this unit we will be discussing direction including under, over, behind, in-front, left and right.

Skating
Week Fun!



Grade 2 News

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2024

Special points of interest:

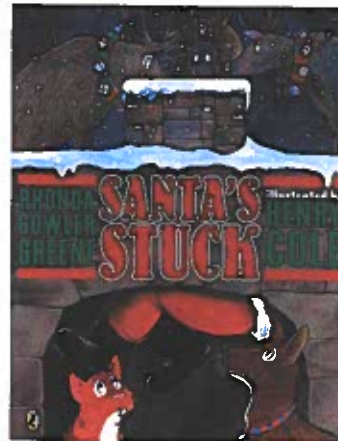
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- Dec. 4th– School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
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- Dec. 18th– Christmas Concert @ 1:00pm and 7:00 pm
- Dec. 20th– PJ Day, Pizza lunch, Movie and popcorn

Language Arts and Art

This month the students worked on their next big writing project. They listened to the story “Santa’s Stuck” and were asked the following: If Santa was stuck in a chimney, how would you get him out? They are using their imagination to come up with creative ways to get him out of the chimney. The students used the template provided to organize and write their piece. They incorporated a topic sentences as well as an concluding sentence. The focus of this writing was to

have the grade 2 students was organizing ideas and thoughts in a logical sequence, applying and checking for capitals and periods, and add some adjectives throughout.

This month in Art, the students created an art project called “Catching Snow.”. The students drew from the perspective of looking up. They used oil pastels to create the rich colour. To finish the picture off, a shiny snowflake was added to the tongue. They are up on the bulletin board in the hall-



Santa's Stuck Story

way for viewing throughout the month of December.



Math

This month in Math, the students have been working on building numbers using base ten blocks. They have also been working on showing numbers in word, picture, and

standard and expanded form. They need to be able to do this efficiently with numbers up to 1,000. Learning and counting change up to \$1.00 has also been a focus this

month. This will continue right through until Christmas break. Please continue to practice counting loose change at home with your child. I stress the importance of this as it is a life skill.





Grade 3/4 Classroom News



FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2024

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

This month we have focused on writing. Students completed an informational piece of writing about how various animals helped out during war times. After this, the class examined different stories about living in a snow globe. We looked at different ways to write effective and detailed beginnings, and how to add elaborative detail to stories. Students then started planning for their own "If I Were In a Snow Globe" story. So far students have brainstormed, planned, and begun drafting their stories. They will continue drafting next week, which will be followed by editing and then typing their final copy. They will also do a snow globe inspired craft in December.

For the month of December, students will be working on a Christmas Choice Board. This choice board has Christmas themed spelling, grammar, writing, and reading activities for students to complete. They will work with the same spelling words for the whole month.

Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

In math this month, we focused on multiplication. Students practiced these skills through games, individual work, technology, and small group practice with teacher. Students demonstrated a good understanding, and are very engaged in their learning activities. Next week we will work on 2- and 3-digit by 1-digit multiplication and then move on to division. This will include solving division equations with and without remainders. Please keep practicing your multiplication basic facts with your flashcards!

Grade 4 SCIENCE UPDATE

This month students finished the "Matter: Waste" unit. Their final project was creating a school wide waste reduction plan. Students came up with very good ideas ranging from a school wide compost bin to using recyclables for craft creations.

This week student began the unit about Contact and Non-Contact Forces. Students examined the differences between these two forces and conducted an experiment involving gravity.

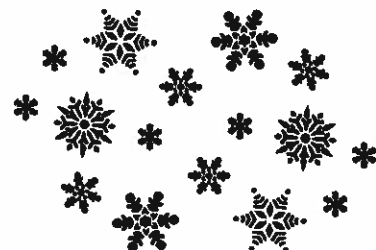
IMPORTANT DATES!

Grinchy Day
December 4

Winter Carnival
December 7

Christmas Concert
December 19

Pajama Day
December 20



SKATING WAS A BLAST LAST WEEK!**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED TIE SKATES!****Language Arts 5% and Math 5% with Miss Petrie****Language Arts 5%:**

We have finished our Number the Stars novel study and are starting a read-aloud unit for *The Whipping Boy*. This is a shorter story that explores the experience of a poor boy named Jemmy and Prince Brat. Spelling and Raz quizzes continue to be completed weekly. In writing we have been working on showing instead of telling, so using descriptive words to describe different ideas. They have just completed a paragraph where they were tasked with using each of the 5 senses to describe what it would be like on a freezing mountain or under the water in the ocean. Try having them use descriptive words and the 5 senses in their everyday lives!

Math 5%:

Both classes have just completed the first fractions unit and are gearing up for adding and subtracting fractions throughout the upcoming weeks.

**Music, Art, and Health 5% with Miss Petrie****Music 5%:**

We have continued practicing with our recorders and have begun learning our songs for the upcoming Christmas Concert.

Art 5%:

The class completed a night sky painting this week and they are now displayed outside of the classroom. Hopefully you get a chance to check them out! We will be doing different holiday projects throughout the month of December.

Health 5%:

The students wrapped up their Advice Columns this week. This was about them recognizing their strengths and using this to give advice on a problem another student could have.



GRADE 7 NEWS

NOVEMBER

25TH -29TH



Language Arts

This month during Language Arts, we have been focusing on short stories, writing with detail, and continuing to work on the flow of our writing. We will be moving onto letter writing, where the grade 7's will get an opportunity to write both a friendly and business letter. This activity will highlight the importance of knowing your audience, as informal/slang is only appropriate in some scenarios.

Math/Science

We started new units in both Math and Science. Fraction, Decimals & Percent's is our Math focus, while Planet Earth will be our focus during Science. Our first concept we covered in Science was working with models to represent the different layers of the Earth. The students built a 3D Earth model out of clay, consisting of 4 layers (Inner Core, Outer Core, Mantle and Crust). Once they were finished building, they cut out a piece of their Earth, which allowed them to see the different layers. Great work grade 7's!

Social

We are just finishing up our Chapter 3 outcomes, where we learned about New France, and how their colony was structured. We will soon be moving onto The Fur Trade, where we will compare the interests of Britain and France.

Volleyball

Our volleyball teams just finished an exciting tournament and should be very proud of their accomplishments!

Important Dates:

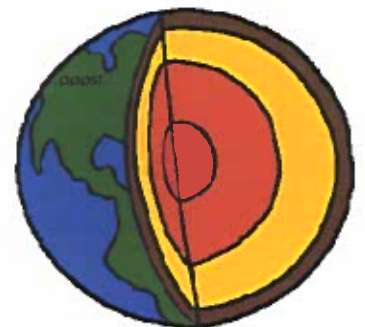
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Mrs. Wild's

Grades 3 & 6

Wow, it's almost December! Although the time has flown by, the Grade 3 and 6 classes have managed to complete a lot of work in a short amount of time. With less than a month left before the break, we still have lots to do!



SCHOOL DAYS

AND COUNTING!

Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3s are wrapping up the unit on telling time. Hopefully you won't have to hear them ask, "What time is it?" anymore! They will be moving on to multiplication in December! They will be learning different strategies for knowing their multiplication and division facts, including skip counting and using arrays.

Grade 3 Social

In Social, students have been learning about Alberta's history. Starting with the history of the Indigenous groups living in what is now Alberta, and then learning about the arrival of Europeans, the fur trade, and missionaries.

Grade 6 Social

The Grade 6s have been studying the early roots of democracy from Ancient Athenian and Roman civilizations. They have been tracking the development of democracy by using a timeline that has significant dates, and by looking into aspects of government that resemble democracy as we know it today.

