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Newsletter for January 30, 2025

February – REMINDERS

- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 3 – Piggy Bank Wars start
- Feb. 4 – “SANG” Pizza lunch for whole school
- Feb. 5 – Winter Walk Day, Favourite Sport Dress Up Day, Enhancement Society AGM/School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Feb. 6/7 – Teachers’ Convention - No School
- Feb. 11 – Free Pancake & Sausage Lunch
- Feb. 13 – Spirit Wear Day
- Feb. 14 – Valentine’s Day, Red/White/Pink Dress up Day
- Feb. 17 – Family Day – No School
- Feb. 20 – Hot Dog Day, Spirit Wear Day, Assembly @ 2:05 pm – Grade 7s performing
- Feb. 25 – Ice cream Day! Dress up like your favourite Ice Cream
- Feb. 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 27 – Spirit Wear Day
- Feb. 28 – Piggy Bank Wars Ends



Principal’s Message:

Good-bye, to the first month of 2025! It is hard to believe that it is the end of January already. The grade 7’s had a fantastic week of CTF programming at Onoway Elementary School from January 27-30th with students from Grasmere, Darwell and Onoway. The teachers do a phenomenal job of preparing and teaching the various skills to the students. The students were engaged in their learning and maintained focus while applying the necessary skills to be successful in creating their project. The opportunity for students from different schools to work together lends itself to a much more cohesive grade 8 class by the time they arrive at the high school this coming September! Grade 7’s, you should all be very proud of your accomplishments! The Glow Dance that was hosted by the Rich Valley Enhancement Society was a success! The students enjoyed a fun evening in each other’s company with music, streamers, and colourful lights! Our latest Hot Lunch consisted of a delicious Taco Pasta, which was a hit amongst all students. Thank you to the members of the School Council for preparing and serving a great lunch!

Parents with children in grades 4 and 7 should begin to see surveys showing up in the mail from Alberta Education. These annual Assurance Surveys are conducted to get feedback into educational programming. If you have any questions about the survey, or what it is asking, please do not hesitate to contact myself. You getting an answer to a question you may have and then responding with an informed response on the survey, whether it be positive or negative, is far more valuable than simply responding with “don’t know” as your answer.

Have a great weekend,
Rod Peterson



Kindergarten News

JANUARY 30, 2025

Literacy & Numeracy

Wow...where has the month gone! During this short amount of time, we finished the letter J, K and are starting the letter F. The class will also using their letter knowledge to build, read and spell some short words. Some of the words they will be learning are mom, dad, pop, pup, ax, etc. We will continue to build on this throughout the year, as we add new letters.

Also, we have been working on identifying the beginning sounds of words. In additions we have been doing some rhyming work.

Through numerous activities students are working at identifying rhyming words. After being able to identify rhyming words, students will work towards producing rhyming words.

In numeracy, the class has now studied up to (including) the number four. Students should be able to identify and subitize (recognize an

amount at a glance) up to three. We will continue to practice this as we continue our number study. A great way you can practice at home is by letting your child count various things. Can you count out 5 cheerios? Or how many apples are in the bowl?

Important Dates:

- Feb 4- Pizza Lunch
- Feb. 6-7-No school (teacher convention)
- Feb.11- Free Pancake and Sausage Lunch
- Feb. 17- No Schol (Family Day)



Miss Suitor's Grade 1 January Newsletter

Language Arts

In LA we have been reading many different stories and discussing the different story elements (characters, setting, problem etc.). The students love to predict what will happen next after each page and check if they were right! We have also been talking about the beginning, middle, and ending of each story. A lot of our writing will be focused around beginning, middle, end (or first, next, last).

Science

We are beginning our Climate and Weather Unit! We will be discussing the seasons and how they impact daily human life (clothing, events etc), as well as different animals (migration/Hibernation).

Social Studies

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

Math

Our Financial Literacy Unit was a great success! We have now moved onto our next concept of adding and subtracting. We continue to talk about money, and identify coins using a fun poster coin system by our doorway!

We are continuing our counting routine every morning using our days in school chart! The students are slowly learning how to count continue to count by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, and backwards by 1's every day. We also continue to break down the place value of various numbers (tens and ones). The grade ones are exploring the idea of addition and are slowly being introduced to different strategies when adding. We are going to work on making 10, as well as doubles to develop our basic number sense.





Mrs. Zolmer

Grade 2 News

Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science

This month in Language Arts, the students have been working hard on their writing. We have been adjusting focus based on their 20-minute writes and what areas need improvement all the while adding in outcomes that are to be covered. The Grade 2 students are getting better with implementing Visualizing and Verbalizing process into their writing along with re-reading their work to make sure that each sentence has the necessary elements. The

current writing piece that they are working on is based around being stuck in a snow globe and the activities they would do to keep them busy. They will soon be up on the bulletin board for all to read!

This month in Social Studies, the Grade 2 students have been learning about the community of Iqaluit and making connections to their own community. They learned about the Inuit and the different forms of shelter based on the time

of year. They had the opportunity to make an igloo using a bowl, marshmallows, and glue.

In Science, the students are learning about energy through movement and sound.



Igloo- Iqaluit, Nunavut

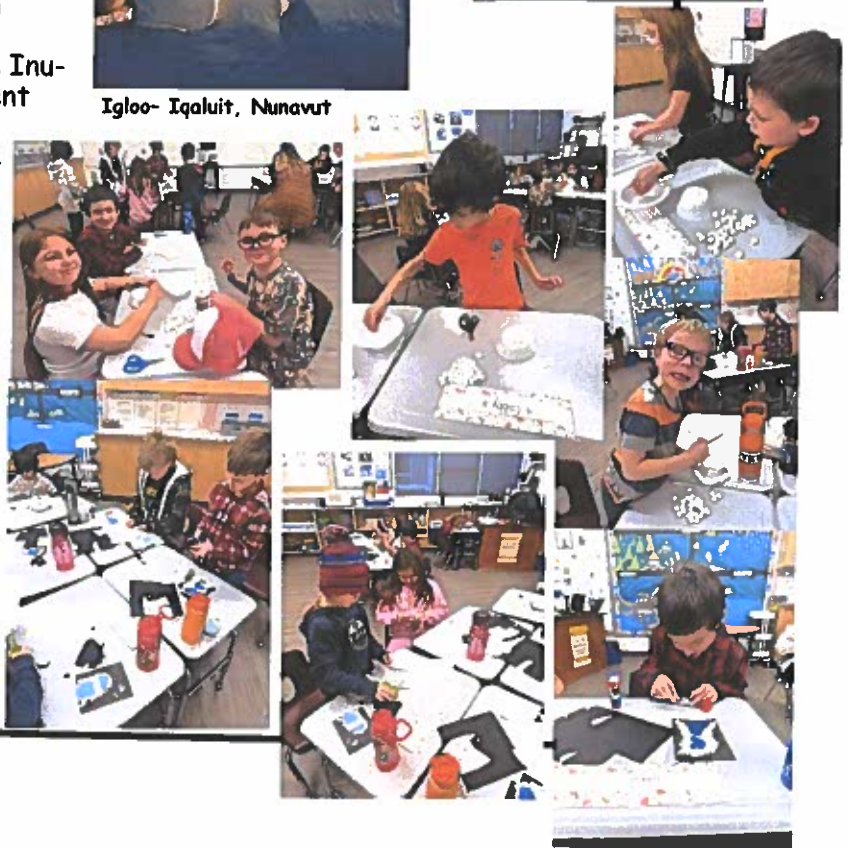
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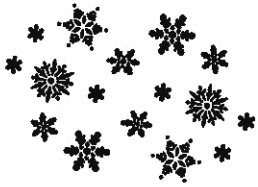
- Feb 3rd- Piggy Bank Wars S TARTS
- Feb 4th- FREE Pizza lunch for students
- Feb 5th- Winter Walk Day
- Feb 5th- Favourite Sport Dress Up Day
- Feb 5th- School Council Meeting @6:30
- Feb 6-7th- No School
- Feb 11th- FREE Pancake Lunch
- Feb 14th- Red, Pink, and White Dress Up
- Feb 17th- No School
- Feb. 20th- Assembly @ 2:05
- Feb 20th- Hot Dog Day
- Feb 25th- Ice Cream Day!!!
- Feb 26th- Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28th- Piggy Bank Wars ENDS

Art

This month, Art was all about texture! They created tinfoil sculptures that are on display in the hallway to the gym. The students also used forks to create texture for their Yeti's. They also

used paper to create the facial features.





Grade 3/4 Classroom News

THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 2025

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

For the month of January, students started with weekly spelling words and checklists once again. This month we focused on suffixes, and prefixes. Students also completed a New Years writing activity where they reflected, and looked to the year ahead by making goals.

In writing students worked on their "Mitten Writing" which started with the class reading the story "The Mitten", where forest animals all try to stay warm in a lost mitten. Students had to research an animal to write about. In their writing they had to give details about their animal WITHOUT telling what type of animal it was. The grade 4's did a wonderful job presenting their writing at the assembly.

Students also started learning about the expository form of writing. In February they will research a topic to write about, and create their own 3 paragraph piece of expository writing. They are already excited about the research process.

Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

This month students finished practicing and understanding basic and long division through teacher guided practice, partner activities, individual practice and technology. They demonstrated an understanding of long division and the steps of divide, multiply, subtract, bring down, and repeat when solving a long division equation. While this can be a very complicated process, students showed willingness and success.

Next we will move onto a very short unit about Prime and Composite numbers before moving onto fractions and decimals later on in February.

Grade 4 Science UPDATE

After Christmas Break students completed the unit "Energy: Non-Contact Forces", and moved onto "Space". This unit involves learning about outer space including the planets in our solar system, moons, the sun, telescopes, galaxies, and constellations.

Students are very engaged in this unit, and have many interesting questions that we hope to find the answers to! They worked together as a class to create a poster of the solar system to be displayed in our classroom. Students are very excited to continue this unit and learn all they can about outer space!



IMPORTANT DATES!

Winter Walk Day
Feb. 6

Teacher's Convention
Feb. 6 & 7

Red, Pink, & Heart Day
and Valentine's Day
Feb. 14

Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 26



GRADE 5/6 NEWS

THURSDAY, JAN. 30TH, 2024

MRS ALLEN

Language Arts 5/6 & Math 5/6

We have been enjoying our novel, Matilda, and talking a lot about our themes of Resiliency and Bravery in the book.

We have been spending a lot of time the past months on what prefixes and suffixes do to a base/root word. What does the suffix -able do to a word? What does the suffix -ful do to a word? What do the suffix -less do to a word?

We hope you have been enjoying the weekly emails the students have been sending home! They love to read your responses back.

Both classes have finished their ratios and patterns units, and will be having quizzes next week. Look for review materials to go home this weekend.

We will be applying what we learned in our pattern unit to algebraic expressions and equations next.

If you are looking for something to practice with your child, basic facts are a great way to keep your mental math sharp!

Music, Health, and Art

WE HAVE ADDED A NEW NOTE INTO OUR REPERTOIRE FOR RECORDERS: F#. WE WILL PRACTICE SOME SONGS WITH OUR NEW NOTES AND HOPEFULLY SOON MORE ONTO THE ORFF INSTRUMENTS!

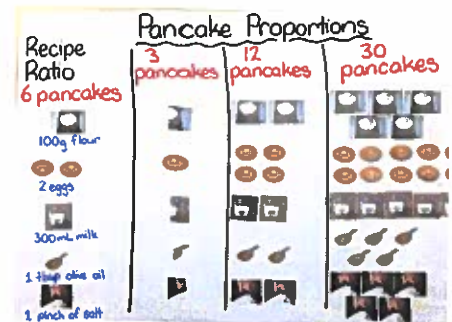
WHY IS NUTRITION IMPORTANT? WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT PARTS IN NUTRIENTS THAT EACH HAVE A JOB?

WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HOUSE AND A HOME, WHICH WE WILL USE TO WRITE A POEM OR OPINION PIECE THAT WE CAN ENTER IN A CONTEST VIA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND HERE: MEANINGOFHOME.CA

THE 4 VIEWPOINTS ART PROJECT WE STARTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH IS GOING WELL AND SOME STUDENTS ARE CLOSE TO FINISHING!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ Friday, Jan 31– No School (PD Day)
- ◆ Thurs & Fri, Feb 6-7– Teachers Convention
- ◆ Monday, Feb 17– No school (Family Day)



HAPPY
Family Day

Grade 7 NEWS!

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Language Arts

This past month during Language Arts we have been focusing on reading fluency, character perspective and figurative language. We also continued to work on editing our own work and adding appropriate punctuation, some challenging themselves with semicolons. Looking back at their own writing with the purpose of identifying mistakes can be a very difficult skill but something we will continue to work on. The grade 7's will soon start their first novel and film study!

Science

We have just wrapped up our Planet Earth Unit. We are finishing up the unit with a Geologic Time Scale Project. The students have picked an era and are researching the different landforms and organisms that were present during this time. Our next unit is called Heat & Temperature.

Math

Our fractions, decimals and percent unit is finally over. The next topic we will be covering is Circles and Area. Make sure your child has a compass and calculator at school.

Social

Our latest area of focus in social is War & British conquest. We are learning about the Great Deportation, the Seven Years War & the Battle on the Plains of Abraham.



Important Dates:

January 31st: PD Day

February 3rd: Piggy Bank Wars Begin

February 6th-7th: Teachers Convention

February 17th: Family Day

Mrs. Wild's Grade 3s & 6s



Happy New Year! After some solid first weeks back, we're rolling on some new units and should have momentum to keep the learning going through February!

Grade 3 Math

We have continued to practice multiplication, and everyone seems to have a great understanding of it so far! We have also been working on the measurement unit. Students have been learning all about the metric and standard systems of measurement.

Grade 3 Social

The Grade 3s have completed their unit on Ukraine, and we will start learning all about a new country in February!

Grade 6 Social

The Grade 6s have been working hard on forming and promoting their political parties. These parties will run in a school-wide election in February in order to carry out their plans for the school!

Grade 6 Science

In Science, we have been learning all about the forces all around us, and how they affect all of the things we do. This unit flows into learning all about different forms of energy in Alberta; how it is produced, transformed, and consumed by Albertans, and the difference between renewable and non-renewable sources of energy.