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Newsletter for February 28, 2025

March – REMINDERS

- March 1 – Basketball Tournament @ OJSHS
- March 4 – Hot Dog Day – Oilers Day
- March 5 – Enhancement Society AGM/School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- March 6 – Skiing/Snowboarding @ Snow Valley
- March 11 – Skiing/Snowboarding @ Snow Valley
- March 13 – Popcorn Day – Wacky Hair Day
- March 14 – Report Cards Go Home
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green Day
- March 18 – Perogy & Sausage Hot Lunch, PTI's 5 – 8:30 pm
- March 19 – Kindergarten Day – reminder to Kindergarten parents – Kindergarten changes to three days a week
- March 20 – Assembly @ 2:05 pm, PTI's 4 – 6:30 pm
- March 24 – 28 - Spring Break
- March 31 – First day back for Students



Principal's Message:

It's hard to believe it's already time for the February newsletter! February was packed with events, including snow days, the teachers' convention, a free pancake lunch, a SANG Pizza Lunch, dress-up days, the Family Day long weekend, Ice Cream Day, Pink Shirt Day, Winter Fun Day and basketball practices. Good luck to our Rhinos basketball teams this Saturday, March 1st, as they compete in Onoway against Onoway, Grasmere, and Darwell! We also have 40 students in grades 4-7, plus some younger students, heading to Snow Valley in Edmonton for skiing/snowboarding on March 6th and 11th. Remember, students in grades 4-7 can attend independently, but younger students must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for the ski hill fees. Report cards go home on March 14th, with parent-teacher interviews scheduled for March 18th and 20th. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, challenges, and successes. Please take a few minutes to complete the Alberta Government Assurance Survey. Your feedback is essential as we continually strive to create a welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment at Rich Valley School. March is shaping up to be another busy month, so we hope everyone enjoys the upcoming activities!

Have a great weekend.
Rod Peterson





FEBRUARY 2025

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

RICH VALLEY SCHOOL

LITERACY


NUMERACY

THINGS TO DO AT HOME:

- Practice counting objects/groups of objects
- Identifying numbers to 10.
- Subitizing (looking at a dice and knowing the amount shown without counting the dots).

This month was a short but busy one! The letters T, S and R were studied. Please continue to practice the letters studied so far at home. Your child should be able to name the letter and say the sound as well. We also would like to thank you for your support with the at home reading! Please continue to read them with your child and then send them back the next day. This month we also have reviewed previously learned letters/sounds, worked on beginning sounds students have been working on rhyming words. We will continue to work on these skills!

Reminder: We will be starting our 3 days a week of kindergarten the week of March 18.





Miss Suitor's Grade 1 February Newsletter



Language Arts

In L.A, we continue to read in our small groups and practice our sight word and tool sound cards as much as we can! We have been working on writing sentences and using capitals, periods, as well as spelling our sight words properly within our sentences. Students print their own sentences during printing time each day using a sentence starter. We encourage them to use their sight words, and stretch out the sounds they hear to spell tricky words. We are slowly working on writing more than one sentence and using connecting words such as because.

Math

we continued to focus on adding doubles. We have started to use our knowledge of doubles to solve other math equations that are close to our doubles, including doubles plus 1 ($5+5=10$, so $5+6=11$), and doubles plus 2 ($6+6=12$, so $6+8=14$). Students are encouraged to use their doubles facts, 10 facts, the number line, and our counting on strategy to help them solve addition problems to 20.

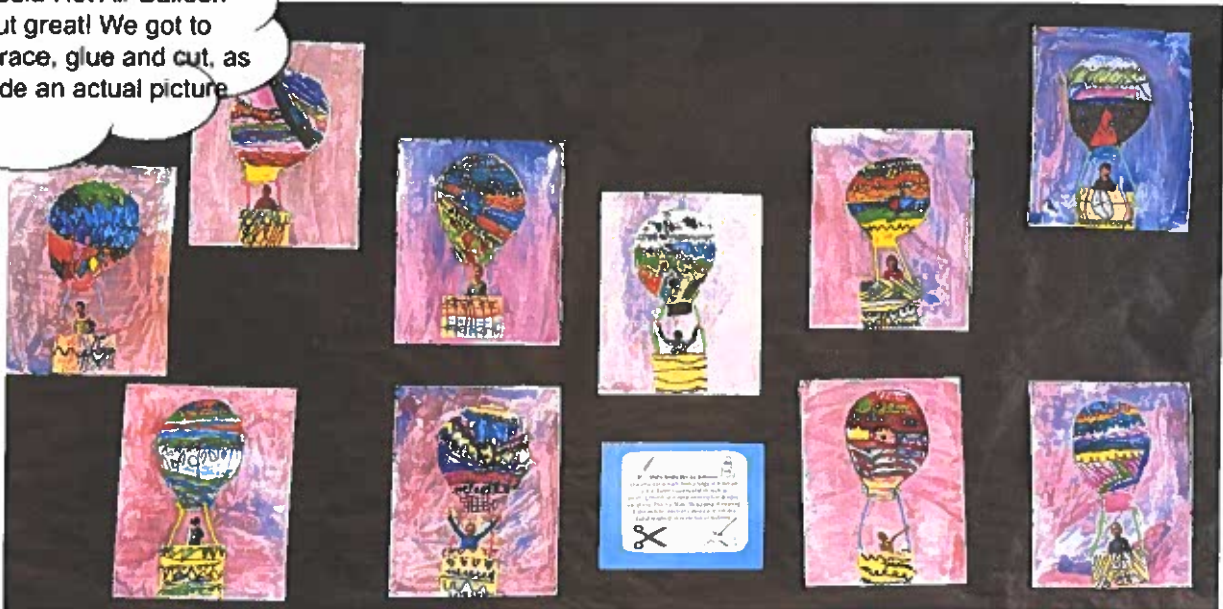
Social Studies

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

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).

Our Multi-media Hot Air Balloon Art turned out great! We got to paint, draw, trace, glue and cut, as well as include an actual picture of ourselves





Mrs. Zolmer

February 28th, 2025

Grade 2 News

Valentine's Day, 100th Day, and Writing

This month may have been short, but it was a busy one! We celebrated Valentine's Day and 100th Day. On Valentine's Day, the students created "lost love bugs." In the afternoon, they went around the school to solve the word problems with their Big Buddies and write the answers onto their "love bugs." Lots of the big and little buddies had enough time to create a valentine card together. On 100th Day of school, the students celebrated by sharing their projects, creating necklaces using 100 Fruit Loops, made crowns, wrote what they would smell,

see, hear, and taste when 100 years old and completed fun stations at the end of the day!

In writing, the students worked on strengthening their sentences and writing more on one given topic. A Hershey's kiss was placed under the document camera and they had to write a detailed sentence about the chocolate on a provided strip of paper. They shared their sentence with the class and then had to write a second descriptive sentence about the chocolate. The same process was done with the third sentence as well. Finally, the students glued their sen-

tences onto a piece of paper and read it all together. They were amazed at how good it sounded AND how much they wrote. Of course they each got a little Hershey's kiss to eat



Math with Buddies!

Special points of interest:

- Feb. 4th- Hot Dog Day and Oilers Day
- Feb. 5th- School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm.
- Feb. 6th and 11th- Skiing
- Feb. 13th- Wacky Hair Day and Popcorn Day
- Feb. 14th- Report Cards go home
- Feb. 17th- Wear Green Day
- Feb. 18th- Perogies and Sausage Hot Lunch
- Feb. 18th- PTI's 5-8:30 pm
- Feb. 20th- Assembly @ 2:05 pm
- Feb. 20th- PTI's 4-6:30 pm
- Feb. 24th- 28th- Spring Break

Math and Art

In Math, the students started working on their fractions unit. They learned about what is equal vs unequal, what half and a third look like, and related it all to real life situations. They students also played a game and used playdoh to get more comfortable with fractions. For addition and

subtraction, they learned how to subtract using a number line! This is an easy way to subtract where you don't need to "borrow."

In Art, the students created an amazing art piece that ties in with their social studies unit. They created polar bears that have the Northern Lights within

it. Using a sponge and paint, the students created a layered scene inside the body of the polar bear stencil. They learned about blending paint, how to lighten a colour using white, and how to use a sponge for a different technique.





Grade 3/4 Classroom News

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

For the month of February students worked on their own expository writing. They picked a topic, completed research, planned, and typed their expository piece. Students picked some truly unique topics ranging from animals to book authors.

While working on their writing the class had mini lessons about how to write a good paragraph, using indentation, "rockin beginnings", engaging introductions, and finally writing a good conclusion.

For the month of March students will be working on a book club style of novel study. For this students will be placed into groups, and each group will read a different book. They need to read together as a group, and complete various novel study activities for each set of chapters.

In March students will also write a newspaper article about a missing Leprechaun who has gotten lost in the school! This will give the class a chance to try a new form of writing!

GRADE 4 MATH UPDATE

This month students completed a unit about Prime and Composite numbers, and Factors. They learned the difference between prime and composite numbers, and how to find factors for a given numbers. An understanding of multiplication and division was very important in this unit. Students demonstrated a good understanding of prime and composite numbers, and showed strong engagement in finding factors of a number. Next we will move onto Fractions and Decimals. Students will first start with fractions. They will learn about and practice comparing and ordering fractions, equivalent fractions, and how to simplify fractions.

Grade 4 Pen Pals!

As part of our writing for the month of March, the grade 4 class will be participating in a Pen Pals program where they exchange letters with another student from Grasmere, Darwell, and Sangudo. Each student has an assigned pen pal from one of these schools, however they will not know which school their pen pal is from until the very end. This program will help students practice letter writing, paragraph format, and first person writing. This week we wrote our first letter to our pen pals, and students were very excited and engaged!

IMPORTANT DATES!

Skiing
March 6&11

Wacky Hair Day
March 13

Report Cards
March 14

Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 18 & 20



February 27th, 2025

MRS ALLEN

Grade 5/6 News

Language Arts

The students did a wonderful job on their House/Home writing projects that many submitted to the Habitat for Humanity contest to help raise money for those in need of homes. We have now started a research project based on an interest the students have.

Math

Both grades have wrapped up their Algebra units and are now going into Geometry and Measurement.

Art, Music, Health 5/6

The students have been making some very creative and original plug in art. Come see them on our wall!

We are starting to play Orff instruments, which include xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, and more! We are hoping to be ready to play a song with the grade 1 buddies at our next assembly.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Winter Fun day this week! The weather was wonderful and the students had so much fun!

The students had a very important assembly this week about Pink Shirt day and why it is important to be kind. Ask your child what ways they can be kind and include others.



IMPORTANT DATES:

March 4 → Hot Dog Day & Oilers Day

March 6 → Snow Valley Ski Trip

March 11 → Snow Valley Ski Trip

March 13 → Popcorn Day & Wacky Hair Day

March 14 → Report Cards out

March 17 → Wear green for St. Patrick's Day

March 18 → Hot lunch if you preordered

March 18 & 20 → Parent Teacher Interviews-
please book online ahead of time.

March 20 → Assembly at 2:05pm

March 22-30 → Spring Break

March 31 → First Day back to school





Gr. 7 - Mrs. Hill



Snow much fun was had during yesterday's Winter Fun Day! Thank-you to everyone who enjoyed the outdoor activities with us. We are looking forward to skiing on March 6 and 11 too.

Social Studies - We completed the British conquest of North America and are beginning to delve into the unifying effects of the War of 1812 to Canada.

Science - In the unit on Heat and Temperature, we are covering heat energy transfers via conduction, convection and radiation. A great topic as we move ever closer towards spring. Woohoo!

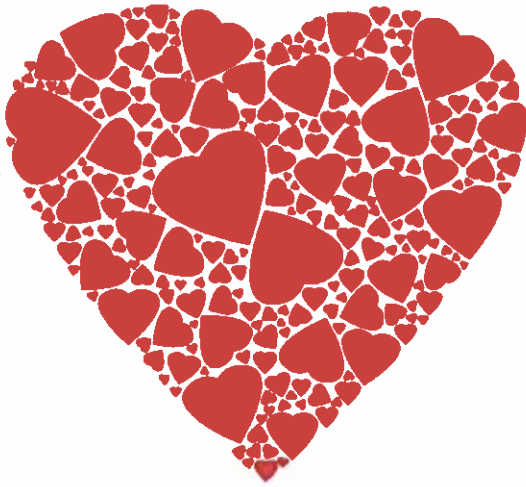
Math - The unit on Area will culminate with our Unit Test next week and then onto Operations with Fractions until Spring Break.

LA- Foreshadowing, descriptive writing and character development are being enjoyed as we work through our novel study of **Locked in Time**. There are parallels made between our history lessons of the USA civil war and this old South, Louisiana plantation setting.



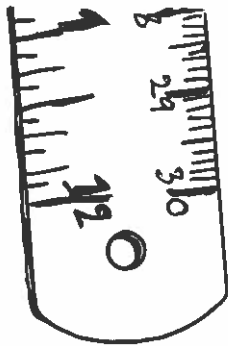
We are Marching forward to Report Cards on the 14 and PTIs on 18 and 20.

Mrs. Wild's Grade 3s & 6s



Grade 3 Math

The Grade 3s have completed their measurement unit, which involved measuring length in metric and imperial units, and measuring and calculating the perimeters of polygons. They are now expanding their knowledge of fractions with denominators up to 12. Keep practicing multiplication facts at home, as these will come in handy throughout this year, and in future grades as well.



Grade 3 Social

In Social, the Grade 3s have been learning all about the country of Tunisia. They have been studying the natural resources and industry in Tunisia, and how this relates to the geography and culture of the country. We also enjoyed Valentine's Day dates together to try one of Tunisia's popular treats!

Grade 6 Social

The Grade 6 class held their election on February 14. The parties running were the Chocolate Chonkers, Galactic Goobers, School Sweet Treats, and the Seasonal Beverages. All of the parties had strong platforms, and had creative ideas for how to raise money to improve our school. The big winner of the election was the School Sweet Treats party! They promised to help pay for a school field trip at the end of the year by selling treats, fidgets, and Pokemon cards at recesses. The SST party members are now busy gathering the information they need in order to follow through on their promises. Congratulations School Sweet Treats! The Grade 6s are now learning about local and provincial levels of government, and will have a special guest speaker next week!

