

>>> March <<<

Dear Parents,

Wow! It's March already!! The school year is flying by and we are having a great time learning so many new things! I've been noticing the maturity in the students lately. They are becoming more organized, independent and willing to try new things. It's exciting to see!

Curriculum

LANGUAGE ARTS

We will soon begin our writing unit on Organization. The students will be learning how to create Bold Beginnings, Mighty Middles and Excellent Endings.

We are celebrating Dr. Seuss Week! Check the calendar below for all of the dress-up days! These should be things you have around the house - no need to buy any costumes!

Practice UFLI Spelling Words often to help your child to grow in their understanding of how words work. A small orange list is stapled to their agenda on Mondays and we do the check-in on Fridays.

Monthly Home Reading: Once again, we have set personal reading goals and they should be recorded on the monthly agenda calendars. We are trusting the kids to mark their calendars when they read for at least 10 minutes (We remind them often in class!). Feel free to initial it as well. At the end of the month, we will pass out a very small prize (bookmark, pencil, stickers) for those who have met their goal.

MATH

We are working with Ms. Eldridge on our unit on Addition and Subtraction to 18. Please help your child practice his or her basic facts to 20 over this month. This will help your child find even greater success for our next unit on Adding and Subtracting to 100. Our Ninja Math skills are definitely coming in handy!

BIBLE

We are continuing to learn about the many Names of God each week, and applying that to our everyday lives. We have begun our Bible unit on the Passion Week: the Easter Story. We are looking forward to walking through the stories surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The memory verse for this unit is: *Romans 5:6&8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

UNIT STUDIES

We are about to begin our next unit, studying Earth Systems: Earth, Water and Sun. We look forward to learning more about God's creation through looking at the awesome ways that He has designed our world! Ms. Eldridge will be teaching this unit!

WELLNESS

We are wrapping up our Slumberkins unit with our BGSD guest teacher, Nikki Parkes. Next we will be looking at Personal Health. Students will seek to discover healthy habits for eating and exercise as well as the importance of sleep, hygiene and sun protection. Reflecting on the fact that our bodies are a gift from God, students will recognize that we honour Him by taking good care of ourselves.

Odds and Ends

WARM & DRY

Please ensure your child has both WARM clothes at school and clothes that will keep them DRY as the temperature fluctuates. Think about sending an EXTRA pair of clothes (especially socks) that your child could keep in his/her locker if a recess slip occurs!

DR. SEUSS

March 2 is Dr. Seuss' birthday! We are doing a mini unit beginning Friday, March 1 on Dr. Seuss and some of his many books. We will finish the unit the following week, March 5-8. We are excited about this and we think the students will really enjoy the books and fun activities we have planned for them. Each day we will have a special SIMPLE dress up day. Be sure to look at the calendar attached to see what each day holds.

REPORT CARDS

It is once again report card time soon! There will be a "freeze" (March 18-March 22) when teachers will be entering and finalizing students' marks. Powerschool will be available for parents to see report cards on March 22 at 4:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning report cards, please feel free to contact me.

PRF - Proficient: Achievement meets grade level expectation. Student demonstrates achievement independently

ACQ - Acquiring: Achievement inconsistently meets grade level expectation. Student requires support in some areas.

BEG - Beginning: Achievement does not yet meet grade level expectations. Student requires ongoing support.

INS - Insufficient: Insufficient evidence to assess.

SPRING PROGRAM

This year the Spring Program is Aladdin Jr.! 2GM will have the opportunity to see the performance on Tuesday, March 19 at the Maclab. Permission Forms will be available for you to sign in PowerSchool soon.

Check the Chronicle for more information if you are interested in purchasing any additional tickets.

Thanks for the opportunity to spend the school days with your children. We count it a true blessing to be with them!

In His Service,

Joanne Gulley & Rachelle Eldridge

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dr. Seuss Kick off! Family Fun Night 6:00-7:30	2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday!
3	4 Winspear Field Trip all day!	5 Wacky Socks Day!	6 Silly Hat Day! & Twin Day!	7 Celebration & Pastors' Day Crazy Hair Day!	8 What I Want to be When I Grow up Day!	9
10	11 PD Day No School Primley's Birthday!	12 Swimming 10:30-11am	13	14 Celebration cougar canteen!	15	16
17	18 LAST Swimming 10:30-11am REPORT CARD Freeze (March 18-22)	19 Aladdin Jr. Performance at the MacLab	20	21 Celebration	22	23 Spring Break (Classes Resume April 2nd)
24/31 Spring Break!	25 Bianca's Birthday! >>>	26 >>>	27 >>>	28 Hayden's Birthday! >>>	29 >>>	30 >>>

Looking ahead to APRIL...

1 - Easter Monday - No School

2 - Classes Resume

9 - Field Trip to Strathcona Wilderness Centre

19 - PD Day - No School