

February may have been a short month but was it ever busy! We had a wonderful month and that had a lot to do with you!! Thank you for your continued support with all of our special days and learning times!

Green Day! - On March 17 we will have a 'dress in green' day to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Any green will do (even Edmonton Elks colours would be ok this day.) We will learn about St. Patrick and the reminder of the shamrock.





<u>Absences/Holidays</u> - Report card time is on the horizon! If you know that you will be away, please let me know if you can. It really helps me get through a variety of assessments before preparing report cards.

<u>Interviews</u> - Interviews will be on March 18 and 19. Watch for an email from the main office about a week before interviews with information about signing up for an interview time. I look forward to meeting with you!



<u>Home Reading</u> - Keep reading with your child! Your child should be exchanging their buddy books <u>every day</u>. When the Club Reading form is filled in, send it into school. It is so exciting to see the amazing progress the students have made! Daily reading really helps this progress grow.

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction. Our focus is on understanding the process, being able to show/explain it, and then getting the facts 'stuck' in our heads. Fingers may help us find the answer but we will work to learn more efficient strategies to move from counting to thinking.





In Science, we will be learning about the seasons God has created and the changes that we observe throughout these seasons. The students will be working to describe many changes using their five senses. Encouraging your child to make observations and use complete sentences while describing help them as they communicate at school.

Our focus in Social Studies this month will be on urban and rural areas, as well as learning about where we are in the world. We will look at maps and work to identify our country, province, and community.



<u>Recess</u>

As the weather warms up and the snow melts, our playground gets very wet and muddy. Please send proper clothing to keep your child as clean and dry as possible. A reminder to stay out of puddles would also be helpful. Even if the students have rubber boots and splash pants, we do NOT want them going in the puddles! An extra set of clothes in their backpack is <u>very</u> helpful when puddles are accidentally encountered..:) Also please continue to encourage them to wear their warm clothing as long as there is snow on the ground. Trust me - they hear it at school as well!

On Thursday, March 20 our school will be having Reading Day. We will enjoy a visit from an author and take some extra time to curl up and read for fun! The grade ones will enjoy a pyjama day and be able to bring a (smallish) stuffy.





Thank you so much for all of your help as we work together this year! Your support through volunteering, praying, practising spelling words, Bible memory, reading, and so much more is such a huge blessing to me and to our class! The secret phrase this month is 'Rejoice in the Lord always!' Print the phrase and your child's name on a piece of paper, and send it in by Thursday, March 6.

I'm looking forward to meeting with you at parent-teacher interviews!

Mrs. Christensen

