

**Bon Accord Community School
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
Teacher Report**

Pre K – Ms. Jennings

Pre K started November by exploring different musical instruments at circle time. We checked out egg maracas, castanets and bells. We have also been working on 10 frames to count to 10. This helps with 1-1 correspondence when counting and recognizing number patterns.

Kindergarten – Ms. Longstaff

In Kindergarten we continue to embrace school routines and stretch our brains with new knowledge. We had two amazing Halloween Parties and got spoiled with goodies from our Classroom Community! Our Jolly Phonics songs and actions are among our favourite daily activities, and we are excited for an eventual December!

Grade 1Mc/1R – Mrs. McEachren/Mrs. Roe

Grade 1s had a fantastic time at the Outdoor Classroom. The weather co-operated and we were able to enjoy a day learning outdoors. We were all tired after our exploring and adventures.

Math- Grade 1s have finished up our patterning unit and have begun working with Numbers to 20. Students have been enjoying the independence of working in math centres once a week.

L.A.- Grade 1s continue to improve their literacy skills and confidence. We have begun working in Guided Reading groups where students work on targeted literacy skills in a small group setting with the teacher. Students continue to practice sight words, spelling and writing skills on a daily basis.

Social Studies- We enjoyed learning about Metis traditions, music, history, language, and dance during Metis Week and finished off the week learning how to braid. We gained an appreciation for the time it takes to finger weave a traditional Metis sash.

Science- We will be busy over the next few weeks learning all about colours, from types of colours to colour mixing, and terms such as opaque and transparent.

Grade 2G – Mrs. Gagnon

Makerspace-working with 2T to create magnetic games to conclude the unit.

Math-data analysis, graphing favourite breakfast items etc.

Hope reading program started

Looking forward to Outdoor Classroom field trips December 17 and again in May

Christmas Ornament “field trip” coming up December 6. Thanks to Mrs McNeil for organizing!

Soc/LA-learning about northern life, Inuit, Ted Harrison art, Inuksuks etc. comparing life long ago to present

Health-counseling with Mr. Sales

Ms Hall presenting Incredible Flexible You program. Moving on to Social Thinkers after Christmas
PE-spending lots of time outdoors.

Grade 2T – Ms. Tower

2T began the month of November by learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. The students made poppies in Art by cutting out shapes from construction paper and arranging them together. They were very proud that their work was displayed during the Remembrance Day ceremony. The students were excited to begin using Chromebooks in class to access the Google classroom where they can log in to Raz-Kids or Prodigy. 2T enjoyed a visit from Mr. Chabot during Metis Week and really enjoyed learning to dance to the fiddle. In Math, p2T has finished the patterning unit and has begun learning about gathering data, sorting, and making charts and graphs. We are currently working on a science/ makerspace project with 2G and Mrs. McNeill where the students will work in groups to create a game that uses a magnet. With the arrival of snow, 2T has been excited to get out on the hill to do some sledding. The whole class is eagerly looking forward to Christmas and are showing an interest in learning Christmas carols, so we are planning to join with 2G to teach them some new songs

Grade 3M – Mrs. McNeil

We are learning to write letters and will be writing letters to Santa soon. We have started a new unit in science, building with a variety of materials!

Grade 3/4 – Mrs. McGuire

In Language Arts we are focusing on nonfiction text. We looked at the similarities and differences between fiction and nonfiction and are now digging deeper into nonfiction text features to help us better comprehend what we are reading. We will also begin informational writing, where students can be the “expert” to teach us about a special interest that they have.

Home reading is up and running. We have set a goal of reading 80 minutes per week per student.

In math, our focus has been on subtraction strategies. As a class, we learned and practiced various strategies for subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers. Strategies included place value, base 10 blocks, number lines, compensation, traditional algorithm. Students now use a strategy of their choice that works best for them. We are now moving on to word problems. Students are learning to look for key words/clues to figure out what the question is asking us and what operation (+/-) we need to use in order to solve it.

At the beginning of December we have an in-school Art fieldtrip to make some glass Christmas ornaments. Watch for more info to be sent home this week.

We will also be starting “10 Days of Christmas Kindness” to help spread a little joy around our school and community this holiday season.

Grade 4H – Ms. Hand

First of all, working with Mandy transition students from 4H to 4MS in December. We are going to be sitting down and re-working our year plans to align & work together for the remainder of the year on similar projects in Art, Language Arts, and math. We hope the transition to be smooth and comfortable for students.

In November, we have been working on the following:

L.A: started a home reading program to track reading weekly. Students goal is 80 minutes with monthly prizes. They are still working on guided reading, Words their Way, and Guided Writing support.

Math: Finishing multiplication and division strategies, we have been using numeracy center and school manipulative for hands on, engaging games.

Science: Wrapping up Waste and Our World, making final observations on our vermi-compost and what has changed since day #1.

Social Studies: Still learning about regions in Alberta, going to do a scavenger hunt activity for geography in Alberta.

Art: Creating winter collages with paper and looking at atmospheric perspective.

French: Playing French games and completing lessons on colours, numbers, greetings, holiday's, etc.

Health - Seven Sacred Teaching of Respect and how we can embody this in our classroom, school, relationships, and community.

Gym - basketball skills