

## **Bon Accord Community School Parent Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

### **Teacher Report**

#### **Pre Kindergarten – Mrs. Oulton**

Pre K is beginning to work on patterns. We started off with body patterns (tap your head, clap, tap your head, clap or stomp your feet, turn around, stomp your feet turn around) They have loved getting to choose the actions to make patterns with and have done great to copy the ABAB pattern when it uses their own body! Next, we are going to try making patterns with colours and shapes.

We also explored Mat Man, which is a great way to talk about different body parts and concepts like shapes and top/middle/bottom. We made him out of wooden curves and lines then drew him step by step! The kids favourite part was adding the belly button to his middle!

#### **Kindergarten - Ms. Hall/Ms. Thomson**

We continue to work on letters and sounds and have started on number recognition and making sets.

We will be participating in the glass art projects this week and have booked Teacher's Pet to visit in December to do an "I Am Unique" project with the classes. We will be starting our Christmas activities and are looking into having Mrs. Claus visit our classes as well.

#### **Grade One – Mrs. McEachren/Mrs. Roe**

Students have started Guided Reading Centres in Language Arts. They have also been working hard at stretching out sounds to help them write unknown words in their journals. We have been working on learning about word families and identifying rhyming words in our weekly poems.

In Math, we have started our unit on Numbers to 20. This is our first introduction into place value and this unit will take us until Christmas.

In Social Studies, we continue to learn about the groups that we belong to and will then move onto Rights and Responsibilities at Home and School.

We are working on Creating Colour in Science.

Grade 1s are excited to welcome in Scott and Heather McCarthy from Avedonia Art, a local business specializing in wood, leather and acrylic laser projects. Scott and Heather will spend time teaching us about woodworking techniques and tools while we create a multilayer ornament for Christmas. We are looking forward to partnering with a local Bon Accord business as well as increasing our experience with wood art. We

are hoping to have them in the first week in December, we are just finalizing our details.

### **Grade Two: Mrs. Gagnon**

2G recently read the story Métis Christmas Mittens and did a writing and art project to go with it which will soon be up in the hall. Students have also made puppets and props for a retelling of The Teeny Tiny Woman story. They will be asked to come up with ways to support the backgrounds and affix them with magnets which incorporates science. In math, we've been doing number talks using our white boards and developing our concepts of place value. We try to spend as much time outside for Phys Ed and Wellness as us practical and are participating in the Hype Wellness program featuring kimochis.

### **Grade Two – Ms. Tower**

In Language Arts, the students in 2T have been very busy learning all about the writing process, from planning to publishing. In November, students worked on writing friendly notes and letters. Each family provided contact information for a family friend or family member, and students used this information to write a friendly letter and sent their letter in the mail. Students took part in planning their letters, writing a first draft, correcting spelling, grammar, and punctuation, and, finally, writing a good copy. This exercise also allowed them to apply language arts skills learned in class, such as using correct spelling and punctuation, such as periods, exclamation marks, and question marks, to communicate clearly. The students also learned how to properly address an envelope. For their next writing projects, 2T will be learning about number books and creating their own original number books.

### **Grade Three – Mrs. McNeil**

Grade 3 is going to start Gingerbread structures this week for science (and LA and Math as there is a store and writing portion for this activity). We are doing estimation, place value, adding and subtraction in math. We are learning about different holiday celebrations in Social. In Language Arts we are learning how write better by identifying topic, main ideas, supporting details, and adding spicy words to our writing. We will be writing letters to Santa soon!

### **Grade Three – Miss Gilpin**

Grade 3G is working on Words Their Way Sorts, identifying and editing fragmented sentences, place value, designing and building, and in Social Studies we are looking at the countries of Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine, and India's environment, goods, services, and import and exports.

#### **Grade Four – Miss Hand**

**On Friday, November 18, students walked over to L.S to see their play. It was done wonderfully, and students got some great exercise on a nice winter day!**

**Students have been working on addition, subtraction and multiplication math centres. They also are working on literacy centres, continuing to progress through their Words Their Way spelling lists.**

**Students have been working on a Home Reading Program to read 80 minutes every week for a month. We have also entered our name into a draw to hopefully win Oilers or Oil King's tickets through the "Give it a Shot Reading Program" The minimum amount to read each month to enter is 400 minutes as a class. Students calculated that we read at least 3 800 minutes at home in October. They are doing a great job reading so far this year.**

**Students have a Glass Art Field Trip Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> and are excited to make some ornaments for their Christmas tree.**

#### **Mrs. McGuire – Rec Academy**

**Thank you to The Pickford Group for donating \$1000 to our Rec Academy program. This donation will help support some of our off-site fieldtrips. Last week we went to Fort Lanes for some bowling fun! This week we have a special guest teacher, Mr. Chabot, coming to teach us some Indigenous Games. The December Rec Academy schedule will be sent home soon!**