

Bon Accord Community School

Parent Council Meeting

February 27, 2024

Teacher's Report

Pre K – Mr. Massey

Kindergarten – Ms. Thomson

In kindergarten we continue to work on our numbers from 0-10. In literacy we have begun using Words their Way and are reviewing letters and beginning to blend simple CVC words. In science we are about to talk about the different ways that things move.

Grade One – Mrs. McEachren/Miss Warmington

Grade One has been busy. Students have been working hard on building their reading skills and making their reading sound like talking. Students have also been working on developing their independent writing skills by writing complete sentences that have capitalization and punctuation. Our main focus for the month has been kindness and students in 1Mc wrote about things close to their heart. We have also been working hard at becoming problem solvers when we are working in Guided Reading centres.

In Math, we have completed our unit on Geometry and have moved on to Addition and Subtraction. Students have learned about the operations of addition and subtraction, as well as some tools that they can use to help them solve addition and subtraction equations. Students are now working on developing some strategies that will make solving problems easier. We have continued to work in Guided Math centres.

In Science, students have been learning about Matter. They have learned that matter is all around us and that we can describe the properties of matter using our 5 senses and by measuring.

In Social Studies, we have finished learning about our Rights and Responsibilities and will move on to how we make decisions as a group.

Finally, we have started to learn about Penguins! Students are very excited to learn all they can about penguins in the hopes that they will get a visit from a real penguin to help showcase what they have learned.

Grade Two – Mrs. Roe/Ms. Tower

Grade 2s have been very busy with our Roots of Empathy program. We have learned about empathy, sleep, and safety as it relates to changes in newborns. We have enjoyed seeing the big changes that are happening for our babies who are now 9 months old. Our babies are beginning to explore the world around them and interact with us more during their visits. We made a special nursery rhyme book for our babies where we illustrated our favourite nursery rhyme. We are excited to share our stories and songs with our babies this week.

This month we decided to focus on and explore the concept of gratitude. Students read stories, brainstormed ideas, and wrote about reasons why they are grateful every day. Students shared that they were grateful for the earth, school, food, and family, among others.

We made woven paper valentines for the seniors at the Bon Accord Jewel Box.

In Social Studies, we are connecting our learning of the Northern community of Iqaluit with Science unit as we designed, built and redesigned an inuksuk. This helps us meet the outcomes for Social Studies where we learn about the North and Inuit traditions and culture, as well as our Computing Science unit in Science.

We have booked a Field Trip to Telus World of Science for May where we will be interacting with the Science display as well as watching an IMAX movie- Flight of the Monarch. This will tie in nicely with our Science unit as we are expecting our butterfly kits early in May.

Grade Three – Mrs. Gagnon

3G has been busy!

LA-Will begin working on cereal box book reports soon

Expository writing related to science on layers of the earth, volcanoes and coral reefs.

Science-landforms. Completed plasticine models of the earth and writing which are in the library

Looking forward to upcoming Hands On Science presentation on simple machines

Social-landforms of the four countries

Math-continue to develop mult and division skills and work on math centres

PE-skating! Thanks to all the parent volunteers! Hopefully we can get another afternoon of snowshoeing in too.

Art-coral reef paper sculptures and paragraph writing

Drama-"read to someone" centers. Anansi, and now various fairy tales

Mrs. McNeil to come in and teach up how to use mi robots!

Thanks for everything you do to support our school programs!

Grade Three – Mrs. McNeil

3M is finishing up Earth Systems and will be starting our Forces unit. In math we are rocking division and multiplication. LA we are researching landforms and presenting our work.

Grade Four – Ms. Gilpin

4G is currently working on the following:

Math: We have just finished a unit on Fractions and are revisiting decimals to review addition and subtraction with them and relate them to fractions.

LA: We have just finished up a Book Club and presentations and will be doing a second Book Club to continue writing and presentations that relate to the stories read.

Science: We just finished up non-contact forces (gravity and magnetism) and will beginning Earth Systems and learning about their bio-spheres.

Social Studies: We are continuing work on Natural resources (renewable vs non-renewable) in Alberta and geographic areas.

Grade Four – Ms. Hand/Ms. Beckmann