

February - Kindergarten Newsletter

K1 = Mrs. Nielsen K2 = Miss Laczo K3/K4 = Mrs. Ell & Mr. Goutsis

Monthly Goals

- ★ I can review my Jolly Letters and use Raz-Kids to start reading.
- ★ I can recognize rhyming words.
- ★ I can recognize, print, count, subitize, order and make sets of numerals 0-10.

Language Arts - We will be using books, poems, games, chants, songs and smartboard activities to encourage the concept of rhyming. It is an important component of phonological awareness and reading. Jolly Letters/Sounds is coming to a close soon! Please continue to practice at home. We will do so at school with various activities. Students are writing in their journals each week. We will also be teaching winter writing activities. In addition, we will embark on researching the animal characters in the story of The Mitten. Students will collect, draw and write information about them and then present it to their class.

Math - We will continue working on numbers to 10 (printing, counting, recognizing, subitizing, ordering, making sets). Next month we will add the concept of sorting. To help students practice sorting we ask that each child participate in an upcoming Show n Share. Students need to sort objects at home and then have a photo taken (digital camera, cell phone, iPad - jpg format) and sent via email to your child's teacher. If you are unable to do so electronically, please have your child bring in the actual objects to show the class. Ex: sorting cutlery, toys, clothes, food, money, by color, by size, by shape etc. Please have it in by March 4th. Please note that we will share a few each day for a few weeks until everyone has had the chance to do so.

Science - Students will participate in a Valentine's themed experiment where we will dissolve candy hearts in various liquids.

Creation Station

We need donations of items that are meant for recycling. CLEAN plastic bottles and containers, egg cartons, cardboard boxes, etc. would be beneficial for an upcoming centre where the kids can have fun creating by reusing! This will fit nicely into our building unit for Science as our Creation Station!

Valentine's Day

Please check your emails from your child's teacher for class lists and for information about Valentine's Day activities. We will be decorating envelopes at school and passing out cards. K1/3 will celebrate on Feb. 13th and K2/4 will celebrate on Feb. 14th. Students can wear Valentine colors on these days too!

Read With All Your Heart

Our annual Read with all your Heart Day will take place on Feb. 14. On this day we need as many parent volunteers as possible to come in and read with small groups of students. The entire school will participate in this activity first thing in the morning.

Save the Date!

A reminder that our Kindergarten Spring Concert is on April 17th (both M/W classes) and April 18th (both T/Th classes). It will be an afternoon performance @ 2:00 in the gym. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to form a Decorating Committee in order to help set up and clean up. Let Mrs. Gardner know if you would be willing to help out! Her email is: lgardner@cesd73.ca. Anyone interested will meet at a later date for details.

*This is a note for children who are **double programmed**: please check with your student's teacher about which day(s) your child will perform.

Reminders...

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with the expectation that they will be out for recess 3 times. This includes being able to dress themselves. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING ITEMS with your child's name. Be sure to double check that your child has a change of clothes in their backpack or locker for unexpected accidents

or if they end up cold and wet after recess. Also, check to make sure that your child's indoor shoes are still fitting his or her feet. Remember that your child is only allowed to bring crazy carpets for sledding at recess (no other sleds or toboggans). We kindly ask that parents and caregivers allow their child to enter the school on their own at the North doors and then wait for them in the foyer or outside the North doors.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

- **February 6th** - CES Science Fair
- **February 7th**- Science Fair Assembly
- **February 14th** - Food Bank collection assembly
- **February 14th** - Wear Valentines Colours/ Read With All Your Heart Day
- **Feb 14** - Scholastic Book orders due
- **February 18th-22nd**- Winter Break
- **February 21/22** - Teachers Convention - No school for students
- **February 27th** - Pink Shirt Day and Forever Friends Puppet Presentation

*please note that students are welcome to attend events that happen on their 'off days' as long as accompanied by an adult.

K2 & K4 Library - Tuesdays

K1 & K3 Library - Wednesdays

K1 & K3 Hot Lunch - February hot lunch date is Wednesday, February 27 for Centre Street Chicken Fingers and Fries. Deadline to order is NOON, Friday, February 15. Order online here: <https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>

Please read the February Message from Superintendent, Kurt Sacher by clicking on the following link (or copy and paste into your browser address bar):

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/view.php?action=object&id=90127&stream=Homepage%20News>