



From the Desk of Mrs. Pierson...

November 2019 Newsletter

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Elementary
Community School

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A written note in your child's planner

November is Upon Us!

COLDER WEATHER

Most days we are outside for recess, lunch, and fall walks. Please dress appropriately for the weather: Warm coats/rain coats, mittens, hats, footwear (boots and/or warm shoes).

With the muddy season upon us, it is imperative that students have inside shoes that can be left at school. Please do not send lace up shoes unless your child is very proficient at tying their own shoes.

FAMILY READING

You are cordially invited to grab a tea or coffee and come and read with us Friday mornings. Parents/guardians, caregivers, grandparents, and siblings are welcome! If siblings are attending, they are expected to sit and "read"

books as well. Family reading will happen every Friday (unless otherwise specified) from 8:20-8:40. We will "freeze" and listen to morning announcements as they occur. At the end of our reading time we will say thank you and goodbye to you, our guests, and will carry on with our day of learning!

VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in helping out in our classroom, please let me know. Main ways to help out in the classroom are working with individuals or small groups: reading, crafts, games, followup work. If there are other ways you would like to help, please let me know. As a reminder, all volunteers must have a current completed criminal record check. Thank you in advance!

Literacy in the classroom...

We have been working on and practicing how to choose 'Just Right' or 'Good Fit' books for independent reading:

I: I can choose a book

P: what is my purpose for choosing this book?

I: it needs to interest me

C: can I comprehend what is happening in the story?

K: do I know some of the words?

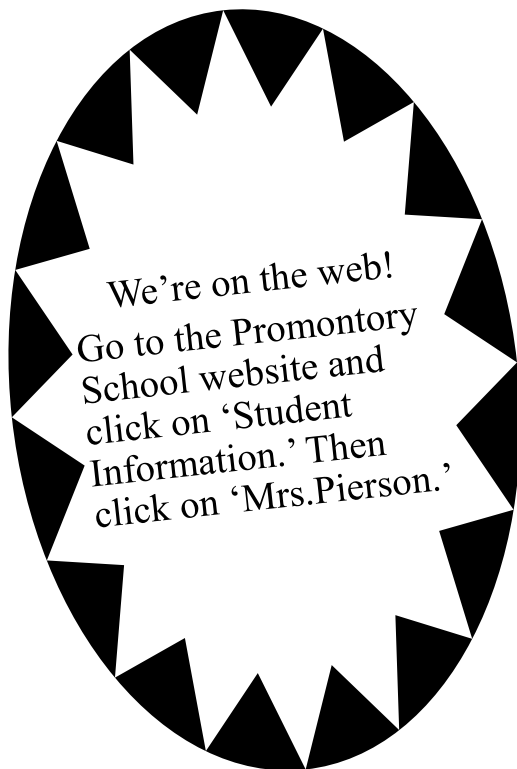
We have also been increasing our reading stamina during our 'Read to Self' time, which is when students read independently, quietly, and the whole time to become a better reader. This is also when I conference with individual students about their reading. I teach reading strategies and listen to students read at their independent reading level.

Students practice writing skills each day by writing about events that matter to them and that they have personally experienced. Students are learning to use finger spaces between words, to spell words from our word wall correctly, and to use appropriate upper and lower case letters as well as punctuation. Way to go authors!!!

Now that students are in an older grade, it is imperative that they always print their letters with the correct formation: from the top down and in one fluid motion. To help build good letter printing habits, we are practicing printing a new letter each day. We print the letter a few times correctly versus printing many incorrect letters: Quality vs Quantity!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ 50 Nights of reading is now being collected. Either sign and cut off the bottom portion of the 50 night page, or hand in the entire green reading booklet. I will initial and add a sticker to the form so that you know that the form was handed in and accounted for. Students will receive their reading prize during our library time, which is on Mondays.
- ☺ Books make great Christmas gifts for family and friends. Therefore, Scholastic book flyers will go home for the first time this year on November 12th. They are due November 26th to have all orders arrive before the holidays! Make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada or pay online. Sorry, no cash!
- ☺ Hot Lunch day is November 22nd. Please have all orders completed online by November 15th. If you have not signed up for online ordering, there is a Munch-a-Lunch instruction page on our classroom website.



Ongoing Information:

- Students are allowed to sign out 2 library books during our Monday library time if all previous books have been returned. One book is a choice book, the second book is your child's home reading book (a book that they can practice reading independently, even if memorized)!
- Missing anything? The first cubby in our classroom has lost items from our classroom. There is also a school lost and found bin down the hallway from our classroom.
- Star of the Week: All students will bring home an 'All About Me' poster. For the pictures, students can draw and colour if they wish. Each Monday we will draw a name for the Star Student for that week. A letter will go home on Monday letting you know that your child will be our 'Star' for that week. They can bring any show and tell items or photos throughout their week!

Thank you for your support at home...

Our school has an acronym that we follow in all behaviours that we display:

S=Safety

T=Teamwork

A=Awesome Attitude

R=Respect

S=Success

One of the above components that we have been focusing a lot on has been R=respect.

We are being respectful by:

- listening when someone is talking
- keeping hands to ourself
- using kind words

If you could please help to reinforce and practice with your child the three focused areas of Respect, that would be helpful. We are respecting our

learning environment when we listen without talking, keep our body in our own bubble space, and use positive words that "fill people's buckets."

Sight Words:

Students will bring home a list of words that they are working on reading with fluency. Once they are able to read each word without sounding it out, they will receive the next set of words. A parent volunteer will listen to your child read his/her words each Monday.

Numbers:

Practice counting with your child to 100...count by 1s, then 10s, 5s and 2s. Count backwards from 20 starting at various points.

Have your child print numerals to 20 and beyond without reversals.

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR FRIDGE:

November...

8th: Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30

11th: Remembrance Day...No school for students.

15th: Hot Lunch orders due

22nd: Hot Lunch Day

26th: Winter Scholastic orders due. Please mark on the envelope if it is a Christmas or birthday present.

29th: Professional Development. No school for students. Hot lunch due.

MARK THE DATES:

December 6th: Hot Lunch

December 9th-13th: Report Cards sent home

December 13th: Hot Lunch Due

December 19th: Hot Lunch

December 20th: Pancake Breakfast

December 21st-January 5th: Schools closed for the Holidays!

January 24th: ProD...no school