

From the Desk of Mrs. Pierson...

GIRLS:

Aleria
Amira
Brooklyn
Chloe
Emme
Hazel
Joelle
Lacey
Linden
Nola
Rosen
Skylar

BOYS:

Ethan
Jaxon
Joshua
Lincoln
Lucas
Mason
Theo
Tiago

Promontory Heights Elementary School

February 2020

Community of Friends

During the month of February, we will be talking about friendship and families, as well as healthy lifestyle choices. We will celebrate friendship on February 14th via reading and writing about friends, class circle compliments, and the exchange of Valentine cards (which are optional). If you are planning on sharing Valentine cards, please include a card for everyone in the class to promote sharing as a community of friends and to have everyone feel included. Please send the cards on February 14th. Please send half of a fruit for our Friendship Fruit Salad on the 14th.

If writing cards, your child may want to copy the friend names if the activity is spread over a period of days.

It is important that students continue to use an uppercase letter for the first letter in their name, and lower case letters for the rest of their name. For example: John.



We have been working on careful colouring and drawing. Please encourage your child to colour in one direction, fill in all the white spaces, stay inside the lines, and choose appropriate colours.

This month we will also continue to review WITS, one tool for independent problem solving. W=walk away, I=ignore, T=talk about it, S=seek help. If there is a hands on situation, students are encouraged to seek help immediately.

Working Together

Part of the morning routines and jobs involve independently hanging up backpacks and jackets, changing shoes, and putting planners into the homework bin. I check the planners each day for notes, signed permission forms, etc. Please check the planners each night for information and initial your child's planner.

All of the supplies in our class are shared (pencils, crayons, glue...). Please help reinforce taking care of ALL supplies in our classroom as if they were your own, including books from our classroom library. This way everyone can benefit from the enjoyment of everything in our class.

Friends and toys go hand in hand. As a reminder, toys are to be left in the student's backpack during the day. Student toys have become a distraction with many students taking them out during instructional time or when they need to be focusing on the job at hand. If toys are able to stay at home, even better!

Interim reports will be sent home on Thursday, February 13th. Please review your child's progress with your child.

I will also be holding parent/teacher conferences in the format of phone calls on February 13th from 2:30-5:30pm. Please complete the conference sign up form that will be sent home on Friday, February 6th. Return the signed form by Monday, February 10th (Tuesday the 11th at the latest). Thank you!

We are also practicing personal space in all environments of the school. Something that is practiced and reinforced at both the school and classroom level is keeping hands and feet to ourselves. Even if we mean well, we have to practice this at all times. Thank you for your support in this area!

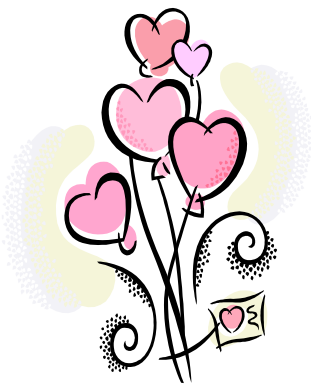
Reminders...

HOME READING: February 28th is our first 100 Night Reading Assembly. Students who reach the 100 nights reading milestone are honoured in a special assembly. Continue to fill out the reading slips at home for each night you read together with your child. If you have misplaced your green reading booklet, and read every night with your child, an email to let me know your child is at 100 nights is sufficient. Happy Reading!

CLOTHES: Please send an extra pair of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) that can be kept in your child's cubby. Mishaps and accidents do happen...being prepared for them would be helpful. Please ensure your child has a pair of inside shoes to be kept at school.

HEALTHY EATING: We encourage healthy snacks such as fruit, cheese and crackers, cut up vegetables, yogurt...Students have time for their snack during centers.

Students are supervised by peer helpers and a noon hour supervisor while they are eating their lunch. I am not always in the classroom during this time as I am having my lunch. Students are encouraged to eat their main items such as sandwich, soup, pizza, and so on first, then have anything that is left.



Dates to Remember...

February 7th: Skipathon at lunch for our classroom top 2 skippers.

March 9-13th: Term 2 Report Cards (specific date TBA)

February 13th: Hot Lunch Day.

March 14-29th: Spring Break. School reopens March 30th.

February 14th: Bring Valentine cards to school. Red and Pink day. Bring half of a fruit for our shared Friendship Fruit Salad.

Early Dismissal at 11:30am.

February 13th/14th: Telephone Conferences.

February 17th: Family Day. No school.

February 21st: Professional Development Day. No school.

February 26th: Pink Shirt Day.

February 28th: Super Reader Assembly 12:50pm.

Hot Lunch Day.