



November 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Mrs. Hudey informed me the other day that there are only 8 weeks until Christmas! That's kind of scary to think of it that way! I can't believe how quickly the first two months of school have gone, but what a joy it has been. It has been so great to see how much growth has occurred in such a short time.

I wanted to extend a thank you to all the parents, students, and staff that came out to our visioning evening on October 19th. We had a fantastic conversation about Sunnyside School - our vision, mission, what we are doing well, and what we hope to accomplish in the future. This really is a special school - there are so many great things happening to support your children in their growth. Whether it is amazing hot lunches, additional outside time, teachers who are committed to innovation, support staff who are incredibly dedicated and talented, or parents who invest time and energy into our school, we are so lucky here at Sunnyside. And that is only a few of the things we are proud of!

There are a few events coming up that are important to note:

- 1) On November 9th at 8:45 am, we will be having our Remembrance Day assembly if you would like to join us. That evening, we will also have our Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please check your email or Edsby app to sign up. My apologies for the date change - we realized that we needed the extra week for preparation and it worked better for staff.
- 2) On November 17th, we will have our annual Turkey Bingo at the school. Please check your email for the flier and more information.
- 3) Report cards will be going home on November 24th. While they are only one way that we communicate your child's progress, they are an important part of our reporting. They will be sent home through the Edsby app (and email), so please make sure you have signed up for the app and your information is up to date.

I wanted to say a big thank you to all of you, the parents. A few weeks ago, I had emailed and asked for changes to student transportation arrangements to come to the office a little earlier in the day. I'm happy to report that the end of the day is going much smoother for the office and our students - so thank you for your help! Also, it has been so great to see almost all of our students coming to school with snow pants, winter coats, boots, toques, mitts, scarves etc. This makes our outside time so much more valuable - and the students are having a ton of fun playing snow hockey, building forts, creating snow sculptures, shoveling snow, and a whole host of other great things outdoors! When students are well dressed, it makes everyone's day so much more enjoyable. So thank you for your support!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the parent-teacher interviews. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Thanks for all of your support!

Mitchell Van Dyk



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 School council Meeting 4PM	2 Volleyball 3:30-4:45 Scholastic Book Fair Starts	3	4
5	6 Hot Lunch Chicken Burger	7 Volleyball 3:30-4:45 Grade 1/2 to pavan Park	8 Grade 3/4 Scientists in Schools Workshop "Properties Really Matter"	9 Parent Teacher Interviews Remembrance day Ceremony 845am Last Day for Scholastic Book fair Grade 6 Immunizations	10	11 
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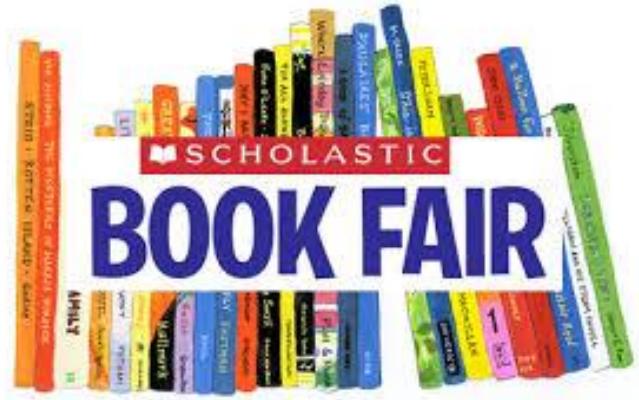
Music/Fine Arts

This past month in music has been fun. We celebrated all things pumpkin with our Harvest Festival and songs and games to match. For Halloween, our older students looked at sound effects, by writing and performing Halloween stories that included many different sound effects. All students have been learning about tempo (fast/slow), pitch (high/low), and dynamics (quiet/loud) in songs. It's so fun to hear children singing songs in the hallways and at recess.



Learning Commons

We will be having our annual November Scholastic Bookfair from Thursday November 2nd until Thursday November 9th. It will also be open during the evening of Parent /Teacher Interviews



Thank you to everyone that has been donating books, games, craft supplies and recyclables to the Learning Commons. We are always needing craft items (Yarn, small boxes, pompoms, wire, wood, etc) for our Maker Space, so if you have any materials that you are looking to get rid of, please send them our way!

Thank you!

Brenda Hancock



Sunnyside Early Learning Program

What a beautiful month! I can't believe how nice the weather was. We were lucky enough to watch the trees change color every week, while on our nature walks. In our science center, we learned about leaves, pumpkins, and corn. We talked about the life cycle, and parts of a pumpkin. We opened up a pumpkin and felt how gooey the inside is, and found all the seeds. We shucked corn, and talked about all the important parts that corn needs to grow, and that not all corn is for us to eat- animals eat corn too. We had fun at our pumpkin party with crafts and games.



Kindergarten News



We had a great time exploring the river bottom and learning about the critters and plants that call it home.

Things we have been working on this month 😊

Science: Learning our Five Senses and exploring the worlds properties around us

Math: Patterns and numbers 1-10

Printing: Letters, popcorn words, and names

Social: I am unique

Fine motor skills and practice strengthening our hands and social skills



Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Slusar

Wow! Another month has flown by and here we are starting November. Our month has been filled with lots of playing, learning, building friendships and much discussion around our word of the month - GRATITUDE.

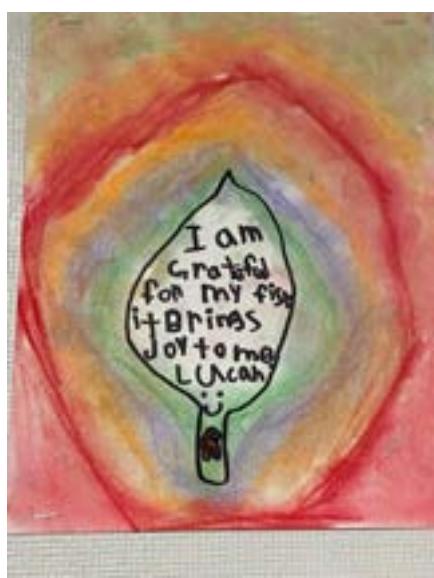
Here are some of the things our class is grateful for:

Colours - Brodie
Frogs - Ryker
Honey - Jase
My pet cat - Constance
Butterflies - Gracie
Trees - Burns
Mother nature - Khloe

We look forward to another visit to Pavan Park on November 7th from 9:00 - 12:00. Once again, we would love to have you join us. Please let me know if you are able to come. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of November 9th. Please sign up for a time. I look forward to chatting with you regarding your child. Turkey Bingo is scheduled for November 17th which is always a family fun evening.

As the weather gets cooler, we are spending more time inside during our STEAM time creating and building. If you have any items that you could donate to our “maker space” that would be appreciated. We could use small cardboard boxes (cracker size), toilet paper and paper towel rolls, small plastic items like lids off of bottles or fruit squeeze. Also I have some old electronic items that the students are wanting to dismantle. If you have any small tools like screwdrivers or pliers that you could donate to our classroom, that would be much appreciated.
Mrs. Slusar





Grade 1/2 News – Mrs. Klassen

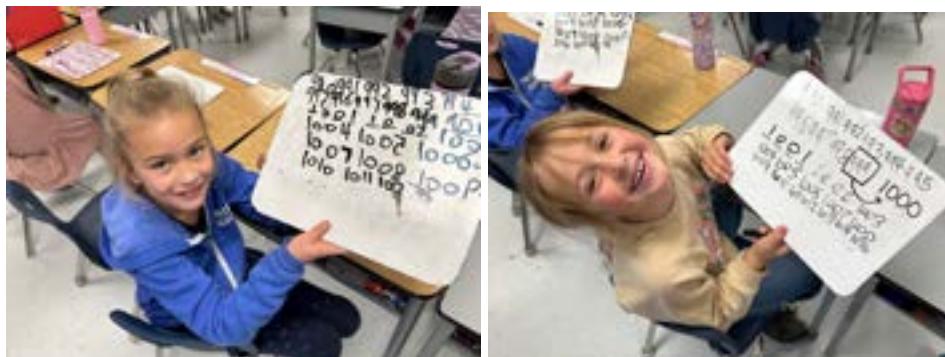
Grade 1/2 Newsletter - November - Mrs. Klassen



We have had a busy month filled with lots of fun-filled activities and learning in grade 1 /2!



Our first trip to Pavan Park this year!



In math we are working on building our number sense, patterns, and basic number fact fluency.



We are growing by “leaps and bounds” as readers and writers too! Younger readers are continuing to build their confidence with letter sounds, blending sounds, and reading new books every week! It is amazing to see the growth already. We are also almost finished writing short, “small moment” stories about our own lives and I know our students can’t wait to bring them home to share!

In our class we continue to work on building kind and caring friendships with each other so that everyone can thrive! Respecting each others' own personal space, using kind words, and seeking help from an adult, are all ways that can help us continue to grow together.

It is amazing to see so many friendships bloom!



We are grateful for our families....

"I am grateful for my family because they would do anything for me" - Connor

"I am grateful that my family has animals" - Aubree

"I am grateful for my dog because he cleans up the food!" - Ivy

"I am grateful for my warm house, my family, and my dog." -Jayden

"I am grateful for my Husky Corgi" -Wyatt

"I am grateful for my cousins." - Merritt

"I am grateful that my mom and dad built our house." - Makena

November News from Grade 3/4J

Welcome Winter! Mother Nature certainly has given us a jump start into winter mode. I've been so impressed to see students dressing for the occasion and enjoying their time outside. Just a friendly reminder to all students, please be sure you have inside shoes and water bottles here at school.

Although it is difficult to predict where we will be in a month's time, here's an outline of a few of the topics we will be doing in November. Keep your eyes open for Report Cards this month and I look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Interviews.

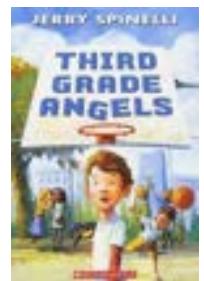
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. J. Henderson



Math: We will soon be moving on from our adding and subtracting unit. Along with practicing basic facts, Grade 3s have been working hard to add and subtract 2- and 3-digit numbers. Grade 4s have been adding and subtracting 3- and 4-digit numbers including decimals to the hundredths place. Having a strong foundation in Math is so important so I strongly encourage everyone to continue practicing their basic addition and subtraction facts at home. New concepts this month will include money, rounding, fractions and problem solving.

LA: Reading: We continue to focus on nonfiction. We are reading to find the main idea and supporting details using evidence and context clues from the text. We have started "Third Grade Angels" by Jerry Spinelli as our class read aloud. **Writing:** We will soon wrap up our informational writing unit culminating in each child writing their own book about their "Pet Monster". "How To" and Opinion writing are up next.



Science: We will soon be wrapping up our unit on Matter. We are exploring the three states of matter (solid, liquid, gas) and how they change, including the water cycle. We will also be participating in a Scientist in Schools workshop in early November entitled "Properties Really Matter".



Social: We are looking at the quality of life, traditions, celebrations, food, languages, and regions in Peru.

Art: We are wrapping up our Autumn Cubism projects. We will continue to look at the elements of art focusing on line and texture in November.



Wellness: This class compliments PE class. We are currently discussing healthy eating. I would like to challenge students to become actively involved in planning and packing their own healthy snacks and lunches (if they are not doing so already). We will look at "Our Roles" later this month.

Mrs. Hudey--Grade 3/4 November 2023

Here's what we are working on:

Language Arts-

Reading: This month we continue to work on specific predicting, sequencing and inferencing reading strategies.

We are enjoying "A Boy Called Bat" as our class read aloud this month.

We have had some fantastic discussions about the books we are reading in class! Students are able to log in and sign books out of the library using their digital accounts.



Writing: In Writers Workshop we are writing, editing and illustrating spooky stories to share with younger students! The students are focusing on story elements like plot, characters, setting and descriptive vocabulary. The students are working hard to make their debut as authors next week in the Kindergarten classroom.

Science - We will be wrapping up our unit on Matter later this month and starting Earth Systems! Students will have the opportunity to participate in a 'Scientists In School' on Nov.8th.

Math - Students have been working on place value, addition and subtraction strategies, decimals, problem solving, estimating and rounding.

Social Studies- We have focused on comparing and contrasting culture, traditions, language and quality of life in Peru.

Art - Students have enjoyed creating projects with color and lines - check out our display at interviews on the 9th!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Sunnyside School - 403-327-9214

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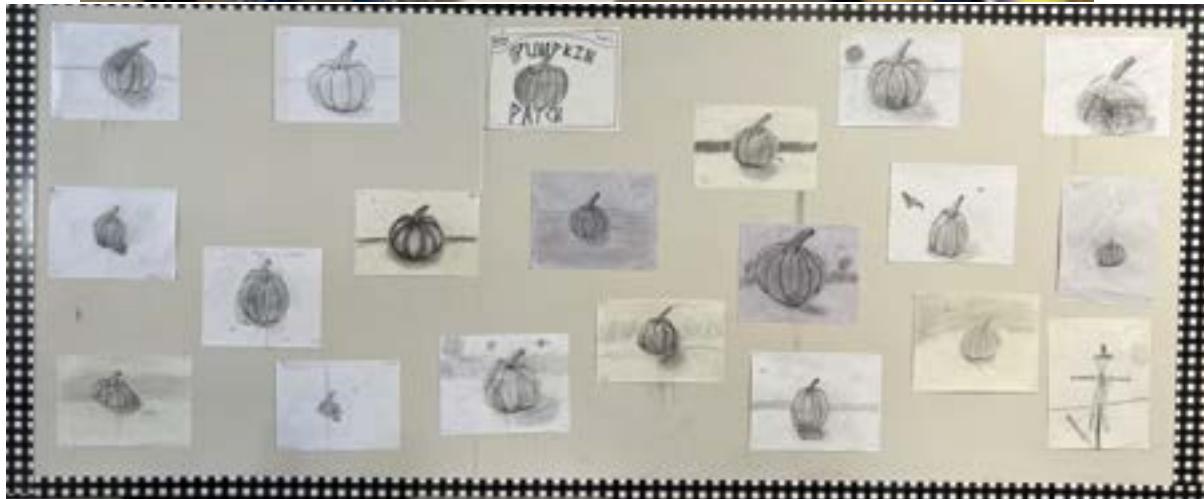
Grade 5 News – Mrs. Hass

This past month in grade 5 has been busy. In science, we have continued to dive deep into Wetland Ecosystems, looking at the roles different organisms play and the energy transfer and interconnectedness of plants and animals in the food chain. We've looked at adaptations for survival in specific habitats, and will finish off our unit looking at the impacts humans can have on ecosystems and ways we can help.

In math, we are continuing to look at number sense. We do image talks to stretch our understanding of mathematical concepts and see things in different ways, we do thinking tasks to challenge ourselves, and we have spent October looking at decimal numbers in addition and subtraction, including money problems. We are moving into factors and divisibility in November, including multiplication and division.

In LA, we have been working hard to complete all of our mini lessons on narrative writing. We are well into our drafting and revising stage, and we stopped to have a dance party to celebrate the completion of our first round of drafting (see pic). Our unit will culminate in a publishing party to celebrate our writing. Parents will get an opportunity to celebrate with their children at Interviews, as we showcase their personal narrative stories!

In art, we have looked at sketching, with our harvest pumpkins, and made 3D spooky houses that we will incorporate into some LA creative writing.



Grade 6 News – Mrs. Jesse

Math: Students continued to work on basic addition and subtraction skills during the daily math portion of our day. They were challenged to tackle many problems using positive and negative integers and played many games to reinforce these concepts. We are moving onto multiplication throughout the month of November. We will focus on factorization and prime and composite numbers. Students are also going to spend some time with exponents this month for the first time in grade 6.

LA: We have finished up our first formal read aloud: The Tiger Rising, and our study of narrative elements with a focus on characterization. Students will now be working in small groups to read a shared novel and enhance their practice of deep thinking while reading. In writing, students are revising and editing their personal narratives. Students will celebrate their hard work at the end of November by sharing their finished projects with their classmates.

Science: Students will be finishing up their wetlands unit by mid-November. A favorite activity from this unit was the creation of a hybrid animal focusing on the concepts of adaptations. We will be zipping into our electricity unit, which will take us into the new year.

Social: Students have finished up their Canadian Geography unit and have moved into our Regions of Canada unit. Students will complete 6 research projects throughout the next 2 months. Our final project will be a diorama, where students will be asked to bring some materials from home. I will send out an email closer to that project.

A few important dates coming up:

November 9th: Parent Teacher Interviews

November 13th: No School

November 17th: Turkey Bingo

November 24th: Report Cards go home



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