

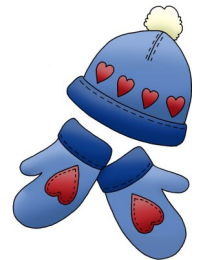
Dorothy Dalglish School

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Oct/Nov 2021

Message from the Principal

Can you believe that it is November already? The days and weeks are rolling by! Soon we will see snow again and would like to remind you to send your children to school with warm clothing, hats, gloves and boots. Playing outside helps our students mentally and physically. This year, more than ever, children need to spend time outside enjoying the fresh air. Please help us make this an enjoyable and warm time for our kids.



Although we cannot celebrate together, we are finding ways to continue to celebrate virtually. This year for Halloween, classes participated in virtual presentations from the Tyrell Museum. Students saw fascinating fossils like a crocodile skull the size of a Smart Car, the largest dinosaur claw ever found and a creature with a set of teeth bigger than a T. rex! We also had a virtual costume parade. Mrs. Stauth and Mrs. McGregor went classroom to classroom on October 29th and took pictures of all the amazing costumes. Then a slideshow was quickly uploaded to share with our student so they could see each other. The teachers also found their youthful spirit and dressed up for Halloween. A special thank you to the Home and School committee for funding the delicious treats students enjoyed in their classrooms, and to the Greene family for donating our 157lb pumpkin. So much fun!

November is a very busy month. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually or by phone on November 25, please check your email for the google form to request an interview time. We will also have a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, November 10th. Other upcoming events are; picture retakes, another hot lunch day, and Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser just to name a few. A November calendar with all these events is included in the newsletter.



We're looking forward to another great month of learning and growing together!

Yours in learning,

Crystal McGregor



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Parent Council Meeting	2	3	4	5 KINDERGARTEN FRIDAY	6
7	8	9 SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES	10	11 NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF & STUDENTS 	12 NO SCHOOL FOR STAFF & STUDENTS	13
14	15	16	17	18 HOT LUNCH HAMBURGER, DRINK & SNACK	19 KINDERGARTEN FRIDAY DDS SPIRIT DAY 'WEAR DDS BLUE' <i>Little Caesars Pizza Orders due</i>	20
21	22	23 REPORT CARDS GO HOME	24	25 PARENT/TEACHER "PHONE" INTERVIEWS	26 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	27
28 	29	30	WORD OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY Responsibility means being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions. A responsible citizen looks out for the well being of others and understands we all have a part to play in making the world a better place.			

Kindergarten



Kindergarten News

It has been great seeing all the enthusiasm of the boys and girls as we moved through another month of school.

I can't wait to see what November brings.

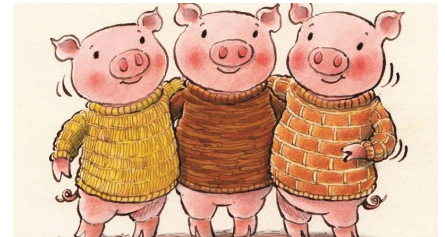
THEMES: Our themes for November are Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes

In **Language Arts** we will be doing literacy activities that revolve around the following stories: Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The 3 Little Pigs and The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. The boys and girls will also be working on rhyming words.

In **Math** we are learning about shapes and numbers.

In **Science** we will be learning about magnets.

In **Gym** our class will be playing "What time is it Mr. Wolf?" and going through an obstacle course.



Thank you to the Home and School for the Halloween treats. Thank you Mrs. Pittman for the wonderful book fair. Thank you to the parents who sent extra Halloween treats for our class. Thank you Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Guenter for all your help. The Kindergarten children and I really appreciate all that you do.



Just a reminder:

We go outside every day, so please remember to dress for the changing weather. Our Kindergarten Fridays are **November 5** and **November 19**.

I am looking forward to having a phone interview with all of you to celebrate your children and talk about the goals that they will be working on.

Stay warm,
Mrs. Grandmont



Home & School update....

THANK YOU

PSBSPB would like to thank everyone who shared our raffle link and purchased tickets! It was a great success!

Home & School has a meeting on Monday November 1st at 3:35pm. We will be looking ahead and discussing if it's possible to offer a Christmas dinner for our students and staff once again. As always, if you'd like to be involved with our meetings, please email Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca

Our Hot Lunch program is up and running, so if you are interested in volunteering to sort orders or prepare meals, please contact rsdrake20@gmail.com

Please keep in mind, as a volunteer in the school, you must follow Palliser's COVID-19 policies.

December meeting: Monday December 6th 2021



Grade 1 News

October flew by as quickly as September did! I hope you all had a great month! We are looking forward to a great Halloween day in our room to end off this month. We have been working hard on reviewing and learning our letters and their corresponding sounds. This is really helping us to learn to decode words that we don't know. We are counting daily by 1s, 5s and 10s as we figure out how many days of school we have had so far. We are just about to complete our unit on Patterns, and we ROCK at naming all different kinds of patterns. In Science, we are completing our Changing Seasons unit. We have also been observing our daily weather, and we have figured out that we like Summer much better than Fall in terms of how warm or cool it can be!



Social Studies has seen us learning all about man-made structures and natural landforms, bodies of water, and we will be on to learning about where we live in the world. We are still working hard at following directions and daily routines, and it is coming. I am looking forward to talking with you all during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

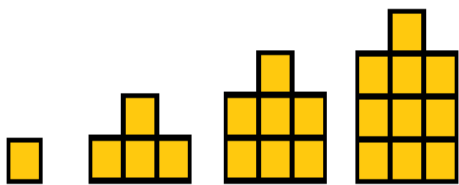
A special thank you to Mrs. Pittman for running another amazing book fair! One of our students WON the contest where he got \$25 worth of books, as did our classroom! We were so excited! Have a wonderful rest of October, and a fantastic November!

Mrs. Nish

Grade 2 News



In Language Arts we will continue working on the reading strategy of self-monitoring, which means asking ourselves questions while we read to make sure we understand the text. Students are learning how to pick “good fit” books, to fit their purpose, interests and comprehension levels. Also, students have been doing personal writing, sharing their stories both orally and in print. We are looking forward to publishing our favorite story in the next few weeks, which will allow us to work on some revising and editing skills as well. Students are just beginning to include a problem in their stories and seem to really enjoy putting their ideas into print! I look forward to reading all of the grade 2 creations throughout this year.



In math we are working on our patterns and algebra unit and students are demonstrating their knowledge of the outcomes that we have covered so far. Our next unit will be numbers to 50 and we will discuss the importance of place value. We are also working on problem solving by using our reading skills to read questions, identify what the question is asking us to find, re-reading the question to identify information we need and then solve the problem. We will continue to practice these steps throughout each of the upcoming units as well.

In science we have just finished our unit on Magnets and the class really seemed to enjoy this hands-on unit. In Social Studies we are just starting to learn about the 3 Canadian cities, Meteghan, Iqaluit and Saskatoon that the class will learn about this year.



Finally, we will have a PSI student teacher joining our classroom on November 15th. His name is Mr. Anderson and the class met him on October 24th. We all look forward to getting to know him better and can't wait to welcome him to our DDS community.

****Upcoming Events/Guests:**



Don't forget report cards and Parent Teacher interviews are coming up this month. There will be more information about what this will look like as the date gets closer.

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Grade 2 con't...

****Thank you's:**

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for running an amazing Book Fair! You rock!

Thank you to the Greene's for donating the "large" pumpkin and the Brillman family for providing the straw bales for our outdoor class pictures.

Thank you to the Home and school for providing funds to help out with our classroom Halloween celebrations.

Thank you to Mrs. West for all her help in our classroom.

Thank you to Ms. Hillier and Mr. Adam Griffiths for keeping our school so clean.

Thank you to all parents for practicing our weekly spelling lists and for sharing your amazing children with me. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns please contact me .

Finally, if you have not signed up for the "remind" notifications please do so asap. This is one of the best ways to keep in contact with me.

Have a great November,

Mrs. Gibson



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Thank you to Picture Butte Gas King for donating "Williwa" coupons to our students for the Terry Fox Run.

Reminder:

All school fees are due.

Early Learning Program fees are due the first of each month. Please click on the link below to log into School Cash Online to pay your child's fees.

[SchoolCashOnline](#)

Grade 3 News

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

We are going to start reading Stone Fox as a class, to explore and practice comprehension strategies that good readers use, and we are also adding more word-decoding strategies to our "toolboxes." Throughout this year, students will be reading a variety of books, and will hopefully enjoy the many genres they encounter. So far we have read numerous picture books, Socks and Flat Stanley. In the very near future students will be bringing home their own flat characters so watch for a note explaining how this project works!



The grade 3 class is continuing their work on writing personal narratives. Everyone has chosen their favorite story to focus on, adding details, trying different story leads and revising to make it their very best. I can't wait to have students share their finished pieces!

In math we are finishing a unit on patterns. Our social studies unit is learning about goods and services, celebrations and traditions, leaders, quality of life, geography, and rights and responsibilities that we have in our own community and then comparing these areas to Peru. In science we are finishing up rocks and minerals, with our next unit being hearing and sound.

THANK YOU to families who encourage their children to read, study spelling words, or practice math skills each night, as this habit will definitely benefit them in the future! I really appreciate all of your support!

Also a huge thank you to DDS Home and School for providing some Halloween treats for our students as well as funding our Royal Tyrrell Museum on-line experience! It showed us some "scary specimens" to get us ready for our Halloween festivities!

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for another fabulous Scholastic Book Fair! We love books and we love reading in grade 3!

Welcome to Miss Sandau, who is a Student Teacher from the University of Lethbridge. She will be joining the grade 3 class from November 15 to December 16 and we are really looking forward to our time with her!

Mrs. Gurr 



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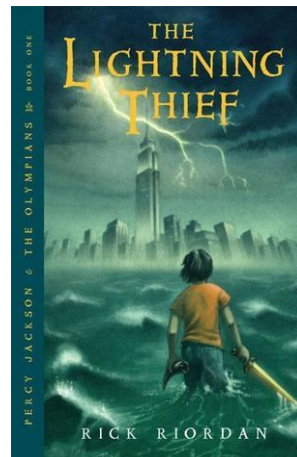
Thank you to Randy and Florence Drake for donating Halloween potato chip treat bags to the school.

The students and staff will enjoy the treat!

Grade 4 News

In **Language Arts**, we are moving towards forming Guided Reading groups to practice reading strategies and comprehension. We are working on our writing skills by focusing on sentence structure, such as capitalization, punctuation and grammar, as well as how we write a strong paragraph. We are using all of these strategies to wrap up our Personal Narrative Writing unit and move into Imaginative Story writing later in November. We will be continuing to use spelling words and quizzes as well.

I am excited to announce that we will be starting a new novel study together! I am thrilled to read and enjoy the adventure of **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief** with the whole class. We will be participating in group discussion, character analysis and comprehension questions that align with the novel. Can't wait to start reading!



In **Math**, we are continuing with our Number Sense as we focus on understanding place value with the help of Base Ten blocks, expanded form, and we will be moving into some measurement and how to read the time!

In **Social Studies**, we are beginning to look at and learn all about Alberta! We will be learning about the different regions, the resources, the landforms and so much more! I am excited to be celebrating all the incredible things about our province!



In **Physical Education** we will be starting Basketball! As a class, we are going to learn basic drills and skills associated with basketball and enjoy playing friendly games on the court.

Reminders:

- * Please have your child read aloud for at least 15 minutes a night.
- * Please join Mrs. Groenheide's ClassDojo group as I will be posting updates on there, and let me know if you need a new link sent to you!

Please reach out at any time if you have questions or concerns! I am already loving this class, and am feeling very lucky to be teaching such a wonderful group!

Thanks so much!

Mrs. Groenheide



Grade 5 News

For the month of November, students will continue to work on their self-monitoring comprehension skills in reading. Students will have the opportunity to read a biography article about Thomas Prince who was an Indigenous war hero. Prince was part of the Devil's Brigade, an elite paratrooping unit, during World War II. Students will also be strengthening their skills through small guided reading groups. By mid-November we will move into our next reading comprehension strategy unit focusing on analyzing texts to identify main ideas and supporting details.



In writing we have just begun our realistic fiction story writing unit. To kick off the unit students will focus on brainstorming sessions. Students will learn different ways to generate ideas including thinking of an important person or place, examining the world around us for an ordinary moment, or even dreaming about stories that we wish existed in the world. Throughout the unit, the class will learn about character development, plotting an arc for our stories, writing in ways that help readers visualize the events, focusing on the most important details, writing interesting leads, creating settings that the reader can imagine, and writing powerful endings.



In math the class has been focusing on strengthening our mental math skills through decomposing and composing numbers. This is an important concept that helps students to build a stronger understanding of the value of the numbers they are working with, and aids students to complete operations such as addition and multiplication. It is expected that students in grade five understand, recall, and apply multiplication and division facts up to 9×9 .

Students will practice several different mental math strategies such as annexing then adding zero, halving and doubling, and working with multiples in order to help us reach that goal. The class will also learn more about the properties of multiplication. Students have also done a lot of work with visual multiplication, creating arrays and equal group pictures to match different equations and problems. Part way through November students will begin their study of fractions.

Notes:

- We are fortunate to have a student teacher from the University of Lethbridge coming to our grade five class. Kim Scott will be joining us from Nov. 15 - Dec. 16.
- Thank you to Mrs. Pittman for another wonderful Book Fair!
- Please keep an eye out for science car kit ordering information coming home soon :)



Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 News

Hello! My name is Ms. Owens and I have been with the grade 6 students for two weeks now. I cannot believe that it is already November! I've enjoyed meeting all the grade six students and look forward to getting to know them better until the return of Ms. Milne-Yanke.

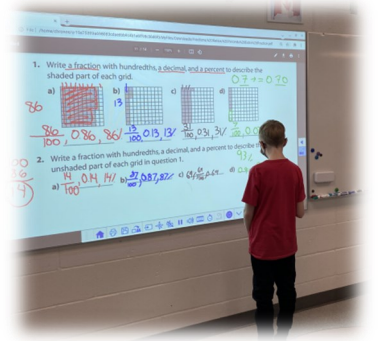


Since I have joined the team, we have started fresh with the next units in Grade 6. Here is what we have been up to:

Language Arts - We have been doing a class read-aloud of "The Wild Robot", a novel written by Peter Brown. It is a brilliant 'robot nature adventure' story of Wall-E meets Hatchet. Our literacy class is centered around the novel while we work on comprehension through new vocabulary, constructed response questions surrounding all literary elements, and skill practice through an animal research project to bring the book to life.

Social - We continued the conversation on Democracy while learning about citizenship and the importance of our rights and responsibilities. We focus on Canada's fundamental elements by reading, debating, and putting our knowledge to the test with questions, fill in the blanks, true & false, and making text to world connections. The grade 6's have been very attentive during our Social Studies conversations and I could not be happier!

Math - After working on mixed numbers and improper fractions and having almost finished working on ratios and percentages, we will be starting a new unit next week that is all about Patterns and Equations. Within these lessons we continue to practice fundamental math skills to help get them ready for grade 7.



Science - We have moved on to the Sky Science Unit and the students are currently researching each planet in our Solar System before creating their mini books about planets. The Mini Book Project will be introduced next week and wrapped up just before the Remembrance Day break.

Just a few other things:

- 1) Please have your child read at least 15-20 minutes a night. In order to become better readers, they must be practicing regularly. It doesn't really matter what they read, as long as it is appropriate for their ability.
- 2) If you haven't already joined the DDS Grade 6 class on the Remind app, please join using the following link: remind.com/join/ddsg6

Through Remind, you can get updates on due dates and any information about our class. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or contact me at the school or via Remind.

Ms. Owens





Fall Photos





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CONGRATULATIONS TO
THIS CREW FOR THEIR
EXCELLENT GUESSES ON
HOW MUCH THE GIANT
PUMPKIN WIEGHED!

A WHOPPING 157 LBS



Pumpkin pie anyone? Seeds?



Thank you to our
Home & School
Committee for
supplying treats
for the students.





We had a fabulous Book Fair!

We were able to purchase some fantastic books for the library!!

The Grade 1's were the Classroom winners with Tyler's name being drawn.

Mrs. Nish's class and Tyler picked \$25.00 of books each.

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the Fair!!!!

Halloween fun!





WELCOME

Ms. Owens (gr. 6)

and

Mrs. Groenheide (gr. 4)

DDS is so happy you have
joined our team!



Grade 6



A decorative banner featuring a string of five triangular flags in various colors and patterns: red with white stripes, orange with white polka dots, yellow, green with white stripes, and green with white polka dots. The banner is flanked by two acorns on the left and right, with small green leaves and vines.

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Grade 3



Grade 2



Grade 1



 **HAPPY** 
HALLOWEEN



Dorothy Dalglish School

Presents

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

We're raising money for the Grade 6 Year End Trip

It's time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with **Little Caesars® Pizza Kits!** Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining!

How: Collect payment at the time you take orders. We may accept cash or cheques. Cheques need to be made payable to Dorothy Dalglish School. Please fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and phone number.



You may also order and pay online by credit card:

- * Go to www.pizzakit.ca
- * Go to **Products** then click on **Shop**
- * Select **Ship My Order to the Group** (All Kits ordered online are delivered to DDS on delivery day.)

Our Fundraiser ID # is 399671

When:

Fundraiser start date: **Monday, November 1**

Order form & payment due: **Friday, November 19**

(Late orders will **NOT** be accepted.)

Where:

Pickup will be on: **Monday, December 6 at DDS**

Thank you for your support and participation!

