

Dorothy Dalglish School

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Jan/Feb 2022

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that as February begins, we are now halfway through this school year! We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Dorothy Dalglish. Staff have been learning and implementing the numeracy, phonics and word study lessons we learned about during our PD days, and the kids are learning a lot!



Last month, students and staff were fortunate to hear and learn from Hali Heavy Shield. Hali Heavy Shield is a member of the Blood Tribe of southern Alberta. As a writer and artist, Hali explores various forms of language and literacy such as poetry, Blackfoot storytelling, and visual arts. Ms. Heavy Shield's work, particularly murals, can be seen throughout the city of Lethbridge. Your child(ren) may point them out to you! Students in grades 1 through 4 also had the opportunity to participate in a workshop on beading, to honour the Indigenous tradition. Beading traditions are passed down from generation to generation, and patterns often reflect the family, or area where they lived. Grades 5 and 6 students participated in a "Colour Me a Story" activity to honour the story-telling and narration that is told within Indigenous art and culture. A special thank you to Mrs. Groenheide for her help with this event. What a fun day of learning it was!

February is a month when we think of kindness more than usual. As part of this month's theme of Friendship, we are celebrating the week of February 14-18th as Kindness Week. We will be challenging students with some Random Acts of Kindness activities that focus on being kind to each other, giving back, and building each other up.

Pink Shirt Day is always on February 24th, however, this is a non-instructional day for us this year. As a result, we will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day on February 28th instead. We strongly encourage all students and staff to wear pink on this day if they can. Pink Shirt Day originated in Canada in 2007 in Nova Scotia when some students stood up to bullies after a new student at their school had been bullied for wearing a pink t-shirt. During the day we will work with students about the importance of respecting each other. We will remind them of the importance of turning to a friend, parent, teacher or other responsible adult when they feel that they are being bullied.

Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities. Everything that we do at DDS is designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time with us. Thank you for partnering with us and allowing us to play a role in their development.

Yours in learning,
Mrs. McGregor

Be Kind.

February 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6	7 Home & School Meeting	8	9	10	11 Kindergarten Friday 	12
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20	21 Holiday Family Day	22	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—TEACHERS CONVENTION						
27	28 	Word of the Month: Friendship Friendship. A friend is a person that someone likes or knows . People who are friends talk to each other and spend time together. They also help each other when they are in trouble or are hurt.				



Dorothy Dalglish School registration is now open for the
2022– 2023 School Year

Students who attended Kindergarten to Grade 5 this year will need to fill in the “**Returning Student Verification**” form. This form will be sent out to you via email in the Spring. Please complete this form when you receive it, this information is required by Alberta Education for proof of enrollment in school, as well as required for registration at Dorothy Dalglish School.

Students who will attend KINDERGARTEN in 2022-2023 OR students who **did not** attended Dorothy Dalglish School for the 2021-2022 school year need to use the “ **New Student Registration**” link to register online for the 2022-2023 school year.

[NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION 2022-2023](#)

The New Student Registration link can also be found on the Dorothy Dalglish School website under the “Quick Links” tab.



What is Pink Shirt Day in Canada? (CBC)

This year, Pink Shirt Day, or Anti-Bullying Day, is on February 24. It is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to school or work to show they are against bullying.

STAFF AND STUDENTS AT DOROTHY DALGLIESH SCHOOL WILL WEAR PINK ON FEBRUARY 28TH TO RECOGNIZE "PINK SHIRT DAY"

January 21, 2022 DDS Spirit Cup Winners!



Grade 5
Bulletin Board Committee

Shayna, Reuben and
Isaack worked together as
a team to create our
"Word of the Month"
bulletin board.

Great work!

COOPERATION



Thank you to:

Schooten & Sons Feedyards

for their generous donations to our school

Hot Lunch Program



Dorothy Dalgliesh



Dorothy Dalgliesh School has an online store where you can order “DDS Swag”

Click on the logo to shop our store.

Some great items for gifts!

Home & School Information

A special note of thanks and appreciation to Perry Farms, Uptown Convenience & Café and to all of our DDS parents who donated to our Christmas dinner by purchasing items and cooking that day. Your contributions do not go unnoticed and it was great to bring back this tradition!

We'd also like to thank Schooten & Sons for donating a meal a month for our hot lunch program.

Due to the school being closed for the extended Christmas break, we did not meet on January 10. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 7, at 3:45pm. Please contact Michelle at jmmarti@shaw.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindergarten News



It has been wonderful being back in school this past month. I truly love spending my days in Kindergarten with my students.

February:

THEMES: Our Themes for February are Friends, Feelings and Night Time

In **Language Arts** we are continuing to learn how letters and their sounds work, and using this knowledge in our story writing. We will also be doing activities that revolve around Friendship stories.

In **Math** we will be working on measurement and comparing objects.

In **Science** we will be comparing night and day. And answering the following questions: "How do we know that it is night time?" What do people and animals do at night?



In **Gym** class the students will be playing circle games and working with skipping ropes.

Upcoming Events:

Our Kindergarten Friday this month is on February 11. This is also the day that we will be having a Valentine exchange party.

Thank yous:



*Thank you to the Hot Lunch Moms. We love our lunches.

*Thank you to all the staff and students for making Dorothy Dalglish an awesome place to be!

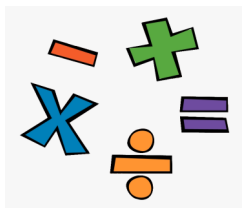
Make sure you let someone know how awesome they are!

Hugs,
Mrs. Grandmont



Grade 1 News

And there went January. Time flies in Grade 1...especially with the unexpected third week of holidays for students. Once we returned from the Winter break, we jumped right back in where we left off. We finished off learning our 35 sight words/ and our colour words, and have now completed all of our letter sounds and some letter pairs. The students are decoding unknown words and recognizing familiar words. We are also continuing to work on our fluency when reading. The students are also showing their comprehension of what they have read during classroom activities.



In Numeracy, we have just completed our Equal vs. Not equal unit. We have learned that what is on one side of the equal sign is what has to be on the other, even if it looks somewhat different. We have been using various manipulatives to help us understand this concept.

I was worried that with the extra week off, my students would have forgotten a lot of what we worked on before the break, but I shouldn't have worried at all. They all came back remembering virtually everything we learned before the break and were ready to learn and absorb more. They really are an amazing group of Grade 1s.

We would like to thank so many people for making this year run so smoothly. Even though we are still going through difficult times, our staff is doing their very best to ensure that our students are having the best year possible. Thank you as well to all the parents for their patience and understanding during these strange times.

Please ensure that your child is practicing their reading at home daily, as well as their sight words and Word Work words. Have them play games that involved dice, cards and counting. This will go a long way in helping them develop their numeracy skills.



Have a wonderful rest of January and a fantastic start to February!

Mrs. Nish



Grade 2 News

Wow, where has the time gone! It is already February!

First I would like to welcome 2 new students to our classroom, Karson and Valentina. Karson joined our class just before Christmas and Valentina at the end of

January. Both students have fit in nicely to our classroom and I am so proud of how the class has welcomed them both.

The grade 2's have been very busy working hard this past month in all of their subjects. In Language Arts we are continuing to read daily with an emphasis on comprehension and fluency. We are also writing stories with a continued focus on capitals and periods, transition words like first, then, now and finally. Finally, congratulations to all of the students for moving up a level or two in their reading.

In Math we are finishing up a "measurement" unit and will soon be working on our "numbers to 100" unit next.



In Social Studies we have focused on the city Iqaluit and what it looks like and the things that are the same and different from our own community. In Science our next unit is on hot and cold temperature so we will be graphing our daily temperatures as well as discussing how the temperature affects what things we can and cannot do.



Just a reminder we will be having a Valentine's Party on Monday, February 14. If your child wants to send valentines, please make sure they have enough to include everyone in the class. (22 students in all) A note will be coming home the first week of February with all of the students' names. I will also be asking 3- 4 parents to contribute snacks for this party. (store bought) If you are interested in sending something please let me know so I can make sure we have a variety of snacks.

Thank you to Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Stauth, Mrs. McGregor and Ms. Hillier for all they do for our school. A special thank you to Mrs. West for all her help in Grade 2 class. They are all fantastic and make our school great!!!

Finally, thank you to all parents for sending appropriate winter clothing, practicing for spelling tests and reading daily with your child. Your continued support is always appreciated. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child, please feel free to contact me anytime. ☺

Mrs. Gibson



Grade 3 News

January seemed to fly by! I cannot believe we're heading into February already!



In Language Arts students practiced writing paragraphs, complete with topic sentences, supporting details and concluding sentences. Our goal last month was to write a variety of paragraphs to practice, practice, practice! This skill will be used in our current unit where students are writing information books that will be published and shared with classmates. All students have chosen a topic that they are experts on and are writing to teach information to others.

We are also reading *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* so soon we will be watching the movie to see what similarities and differences there are between the written and media forms. Students will compare the two, using a Venn diagram and sharing what they found with classmates at the end. We will also continue reading self-selected books to practice our reading strategies.

I have really seen students practicing their words for our weekly spelling assessments and they have also been telling me that they like choosing a few of their own words to challenge themselves. Great job, Grade 3s!

We are finishing up our unit on place value and will be moving on to addition and subtraction to ten thousand. We will be experimenting with some different strategies so students can find what works best for each of them. Students will also work on rounding to see if their answers are close, as a method of double checking.



We are continuing to work on our Hearing and Sound unit in science and have started learning about Tunisia in Social Studies.

Our class will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14 with a little party. If your child is planning on bringing valentines to exchange, I am asking that they bring one for everyone in the class. I will send home a class list so you have all of the names of children in our room.

We would like to welcome a new student to our class. Welcome back to DDS, Mya!

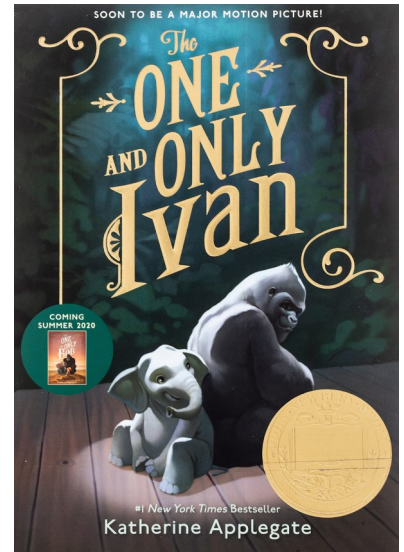
Thanks to all parents and families for their continued support. As always, if you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Gurr

Great 4 News

In Language Arts **Reading** we have begun reading ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate. We have made predictions about what is going to happen in the story and we continue to discuss the evolving emotions that the characters express. I encourage the kids to keep thinking about what has happened so far in the story to help make connections as we continue reading.

In **Writing**, we have been practicing writing opinion statements! Students are working on including strong topic/introduction sentences and backing up their opinions with strong reasons. We will be taking what we know and turning our writing into persuasive letters, starting with "Monsters For Sale"! The focus is that the grade 4's start adding good detail and descriptive words in their writing. Remind them of the PB&J instructions we did and they should remember to use details!



In **Math** we have wrapped up our unit on telling time and have moved into multiplication. We are beginning with some light review of basic facts, starting with our 2 fact family and going forward. Please practice math facts with your child at home to help them review and solidify their understanding. This can be through games, drawing groups or arrays, or even just having them skip count.

In **Science** we are learning all about simple machines! Students will explore the different types of simple machines all around us, including levers, screws, inclined planes, wheel and axles, pulleys and gears. The class has picked up on the material quickly and we have been having a very fun time making different assortments of simple machines!

As always, I am the lucky one to be able to teach such an awesome group of kids! If you have questions or concerns, please contact me!

Reminder:

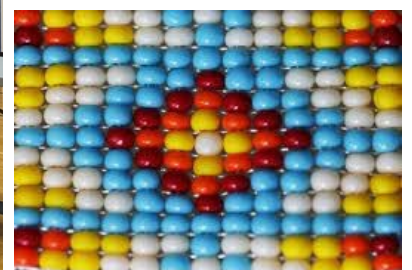
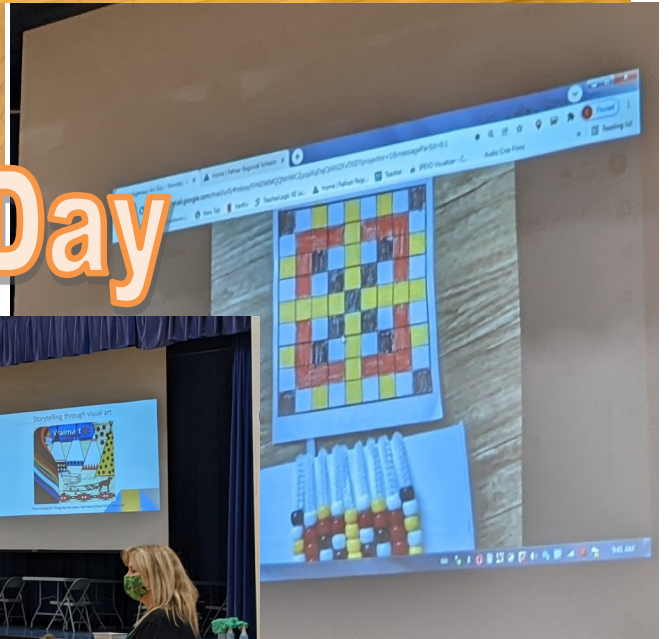
Please continue to read with your child at home for at least 15 minutes a day!

Mrs. Groenheide



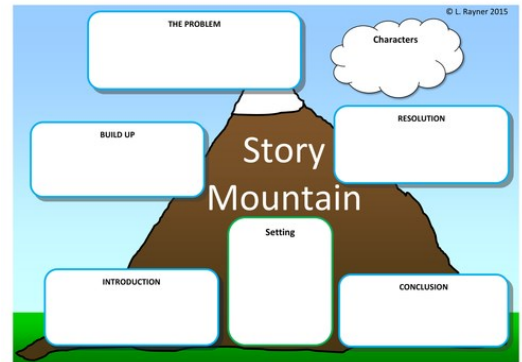


Indigenous Art Day

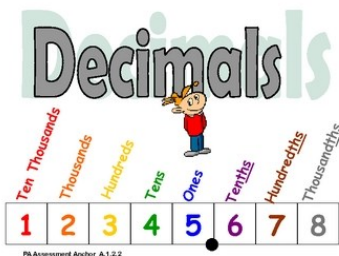


Grade 5 News

For the month of February the class will wrap-up our study of sequencing as a comprehension strategy. Sequencing is all about putting things in order, so as children read the focus is on the order of events in a story, or the facts and dates in non-fiction books. To help us visualize this comprehension strategy, students will use plot diagrams (also known as story mountains) and timelines to organize and demonstrate their understanding of what they have read. In connection to this comprehension unit, students are also learning about the theme of a story and how to provide evidence of their thinking.



In writing the class has started writing personal essays focused on sharing about people, places, and memories that are important to them. We will be working on the structure of a thesis statement and a five paragraph essay, while also building on our ideas and sentence fluency.



During the past few weeks the class has completed their study of decimal numbers. Students were expected to understand the value of decimal numbers to the thousandths place (three spots behind the decimal). We worked on showing the value of these numbers in different forms, ordering decimals according to their value, comparing decimals, and finally adding and subtracting decimal numbers. As

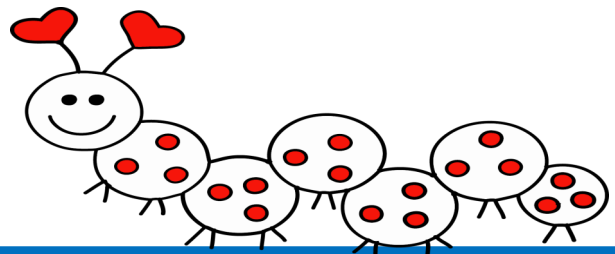
February begins we will complete our study of decimal operations then move into our Patterns unit with a focus on pattern rules and understanding mathematical expressions using variables.

Notes:

- Thank you to Hali Heavy Shield for her beautiful presentation about her art, inspiration, and life
- Thank you to Mrs. Groenheide for leading the Indigenous Art activity on Jan. 17
- Thank you Mrs. Pittman for running the best library around:)
- As always, a huge thank you to Parent Council and the hot lunch volunteers



Ms. Mohrmann



Grade 6 News

Happy New Year! It has been great to see the students back to in-person learning this year and we have not missed a beat. This is what we have been up to:

Language Arts - We have welcomed Ms. Yanke back into our classroom and she will be taking over in literacy this month. We are so excited to have her start a new unit where students will learn to interpret and analyze texts. They will identify and discuss similarities and differences among a variety of forms of oral, print and other media texts.

Social - We have started studying different communities in the world, learning about the birthplace of Democracy! We have discussions about ancient Athens and Iroquois societies investigating the similarities and differences between how decision making occurred throughout the structures of each government. Ask your kids about how this compares to our current government and the social structures of today!

Math - We are still working on our Patterns and Equations Unit. This is the start of basic algebra and we are learning to “talk math” in everyday life. We are learning how to solve for variables, balance equations, and connect patterns to other mathematical concepts. Next up is our Statistics and Probability unit that we will be starting at the end of the month. All students would benefit from practicing mental math of basic facts consistently at home to improve on their skills.

Science - This week, we wrapped up our Sky Science unit and have transitioned to the next unit, Air and Aerodynamics. This unit is full of hands-on activities to help us learn about the properties of air and how it shapes all things flight! In the gym next week, we will be testing out 4 different paper airplane styles to see how design impacts the quality of flight.



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. We have been working on completing tasks throughout our reading challenge booklet!

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



Oreo cookie illustration—COOL!



Gr. 6 Science

Phases of the Moon



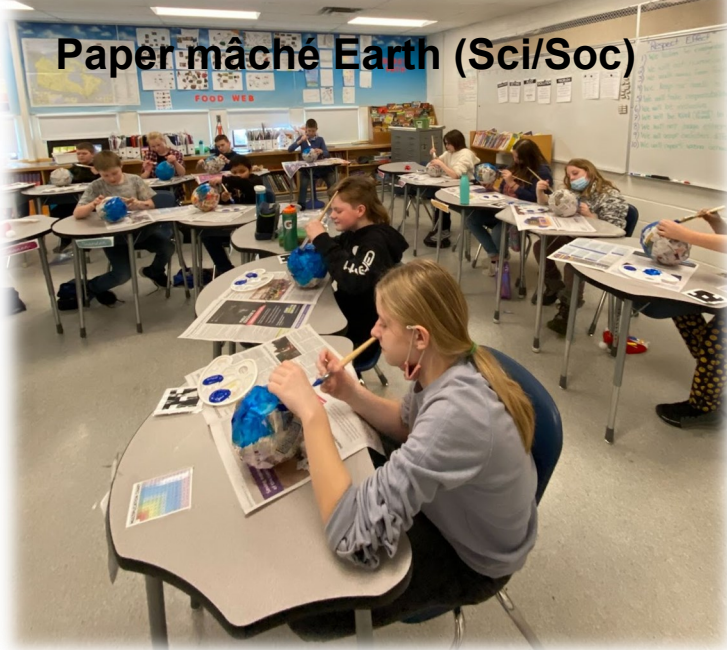


Phys Ed. Fun!



Grade 6 Activities

Paper mâché Earth (Sci/Soc)



Christmas Party!



Air & Aerodynamics



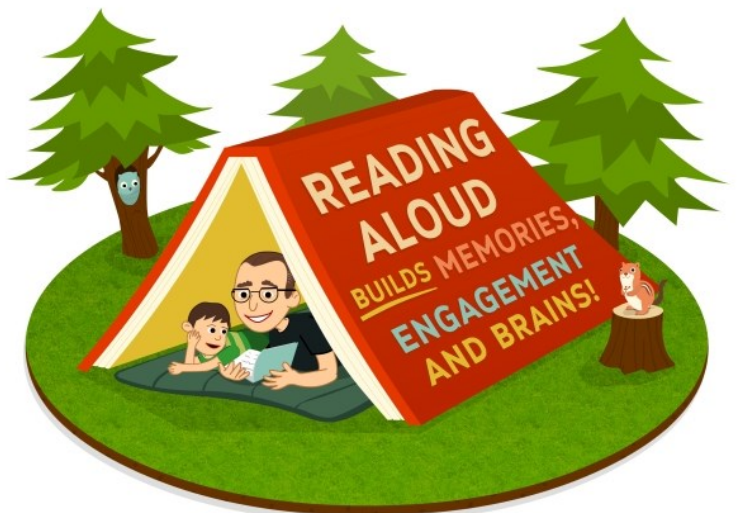
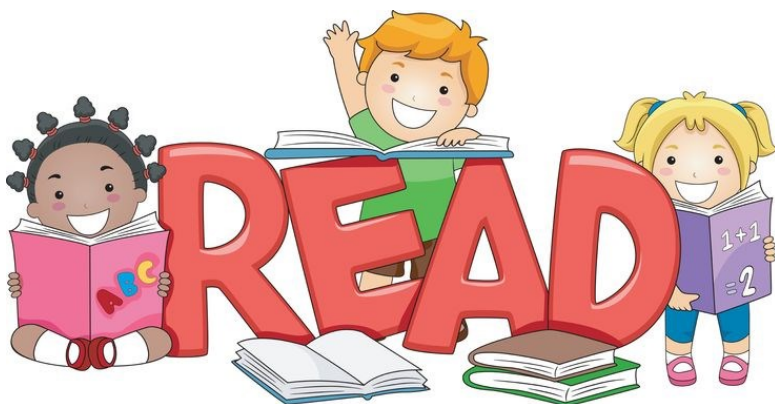


February 2, 2022

World Read Aloud Day is celebrated on the first Wednesday of February.

LitWorld founded the campaign in 2010 to advocate for access to literacy and diverse stories, as well as the power of reading aloud - an activity that has an immensely powerful impact on children's development. "LitWorld's annual World Read Aloud Day has become a movement engaging hundreds of millions of people around the world in standing up for literacy as a foundational human right," says Dorothy Lee, Executive Director of LitWorld.

"When communities have access to strong literacy tools, every aspect of life improves."





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