



Rapid City School February Newsletter

February 2009

Sayings of the Month

“Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example.”

Francois de La Rochefoucauld, French author and nobleman

Nothing is impossible. Some things are just less likely than others.”

Jonathan Winters

Principal's Message

Hello everyone, we are off to a flying start at the school in 2009 and are looking forward to a fun and active February. We will even be sending a presentation to the school board at the end of the month about the positive things happening here in Rapid City School. Many of the students are also currently working on some Canada Day posters for a national competition. Louis Riel



Day is the 16th this month and the Parent Group will be meeting on the 11th here at the school at 7 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Skating will continue this month and on the first day we had 30 students out on the ice! Have a great month and remember to give us a call here at the school if you have any questions.

Mr. Keith

February Dates to Remember:

February 11-Parent Group Meeting

February 12-Kindergarten Valentine Party

February 12-K-4 Sockhop

February 13- Valentine's Dance

February 13-Valentine's Day Parties

February 16—No School- Louis Riel Day

February 27— No School – Inservice

Valentine's Dance

Grade 5-8

February 13th

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00

Guest sign-up is posted at the office.

K-4 Sockhop

February 12th

12:15 - 12:55 p.m.

Cost: 50 cents

Grade 4-8 Airband Competition

February 18th

12:15 - 12:55

Sign up sheet is posted.

Music must be approved by Mr. Keith

There will be prizes to be won.



Classroom

KINDERGARTEN

Happy Valentine's Day!!! We will be celebrating Valentine's day a couple of different ways this month. An exciting project for this month will be the *Valentines around the World* project. Each student will make a valentine that will be sent to someone they know from away. This could be a family member or a friend and there is no limit to how close or far the person lives. Just send the valentine and the letter to the person and when the letters come back to the school we will put up on our world map where our valentines have gone. After we display what we receive on our board the letters will be sent home with the students. Our hand made valentines and letters will be sent home early in the month with more specific information. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party on Feb. 12th. In the afternoon we will be having a party with crafts, treats, games and the passing out of Valentines. A class list will be sent home with all the names of people in our class. If you have any questions about the party or our *Valentines around the World* project please give me a call at the school. Also remember to check out our classroom website. All of the valentines will be updated as we receive them as well as there are games to play.



Mrs. Madill

Grade 1/2

We've survived some pretty cold winter days in January so hopefully February will be a little less harsh. There are a few extra-interesting days happening in February - the first day that we will be celebrating is Groundhog Day. The next big event is 100 days of school. And finally, we can't forget about Valentines day. I will be sending home more information about these days as we get a little closer to the dates.

We are almost to the end of our Math unit on measurement. One of our activities involved measuring width and length of a crazy carpet using non-standard units. We will also be measuring the height of each student now and then again at the end of the school year to see how much they have grown.

In Social Studies, we are looking at our community and what makes us unique. We will locate our village within our country and our province.

Mrs. Armstrong

February is finally here and with it brings some new things happening in our classroom. In Science we have started a unit on Position and Motion as well as learning about animals in winter. In Language Arts we will be working in centers on a Friendship theme. We will also continue with our Home Reading, Spelling and Guided Reading.

Thanks to all the parents who have helped their child prepare items for their student of the week turn. We have really enjoyed learning more about one another and are finding out that each and every one of us is unique and special in our own way. February and March will be the Grade one students turn to be stars. We can't wait to find out all about you!

Mrs. Nykorak

Grade 3/4



Science

We are still working on sound with noise abounding and fun following in its wake. Please ask your kids to discuss high and low pitch with you and how they relate to vibrations or sound waves.

In Math we are working on Multiplication and adding to the noise level from science with our singing and many games that we are playing to help the students memorize their times tables. We will be starting division and some other concepts soon. Have a super February and call at the school if you need anything.

Mr. Keith

We are still working on our novel study of Stone Fox and the students have done a great job of keeping up with assignments related to this novel. Our study of the North in Social Studies continues and we will soon start our research projects on an animal that lives in the North. I have had quite a few students ask how they can access my website at home. They can find it at www.rrsd.mb.ca. There, the students have a great variety of educational activities and safe links to visit.

Have a good February!

Mrs. Hrymak

Communication

Grade 5/6

Do you think it will ever warm up outside? Beside the heat register in our classroom is a very popular place to sit these days! I've spotted a couple of my students not dressed for the weather when there has been outdoor recesses. Frostbite isn't "cool"!

Language Arts: Our focus for the month of January has been writing paragraphs and editing. We will begin our second novel study of the year in February, as well as continuing to improve our writing skills. February is I Love to Read month, so students, make sure you always have a book on hand.

Math: Factors and multiples have been swirling in our heads until we felt dizzy. Knowing the multiplication facts makes factors and multiples so much easier to understand. Hopefully everyone remembered to practice the multiplication flash cards that are in their homework bag. We will move on to patterns once we are finished this unit.

Social Studies: We are wrapping up our study of the first explorers to Canada. Next, we will learn about the settlement at New France.

Mrs. Hardy



Grade 7/8



Language Arts - The class will be continuing to work on writing assignments including opinion paragraphs and responding to news articles and video clips. Each of the grades will begin their second novel study with the Grade 7's doing the novel "Hatchet" and the Grade 8's doing "Tuck Everlasting".

Mathematics - The class will continue doing a unit on an introduction to Algebra, which requires choosing appropriate strategies to solve basic equations. When the algebra unit is done, the class will do a unit on "Measurement" which will involve studying concepts such as area, volume and surface area.

Science - The class is working on a unit dealing with density and buoyancy of objects. They have been measuring objects, weighing them and calculating densities.

Social Studies - Presently the class is studying Greek history. They will begin looking at some of Greece's contributions including the Olympic Games and some math and science discoveries. When the Greek unit is done they will move on to Roman history.

Phys. Ed. - We will have the division cross-country skis until February 9. Following that the students will work at basketball skills in preparation for the division tournament on March 4.

Grade 5/6 Science - The 5/6 class is about to conclude a study of the history and principles of flight. The next unit will be a study of electricity.

*** Thanks to the Fansher family for allowing me to use their snowmobile to track some cross-country ski trails around the school yard.

Mr. Coulson