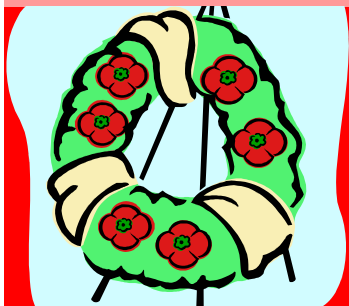


November, 2011



“THROUGH OUR DOORS PASS THE FINEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!!”

Rapid City School

Principal's Message

Good Day

The month of November is upon us. During November, a variety of events and activities will take place. On November 9th, 2011, we will have a Remembrance Assembly at 2:30 PM. Parents and community members are more than welcome to join us at this time of remembrance.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will be working towards creating healthy lunches for students to purchase. Our stew luncheon was a success with the students of Rapid City School; however, we do need to do some work on attracting community members to events. A little over \$200.00 was made at the stew

luncheon. This money will go towards start-up costs for purchasing items required for our venture. Thanks-you for supporting this community venture by either joining us for lunch or donating items.

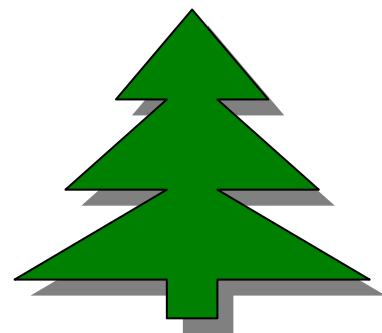
Mrs. K. Slashinsky

Christmas Tree Sales

The Rapid City Student Council will once again be selling Christmas trees. They will be phoning homes between November 1 and 15 asking if you would like to purchase a tree or make a donation. The trees are from 6-7 feet in height.

The prices for trees are:

- Natural spruce \$15.00
- Semi sheared balsam \$40.00
- Sheared balsam \$40.00
- White pine \$40.00
- Scotch pine \$40.00



If you haven't received a call from a Student Council member by Nov. 15 and wish to order a tree or make a donation, please call the school.

Movie Night!



You are invited to the movies! The Parent Group has purchased a presenter for us and to celebrate, we are having a family movie night. The movie will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7pm in the school gym. Popcorn and drinks will be for sale. We will have chairs to sit on or you can bring a blanket and find a comfy spot on the gym floor. Hope to see you there!

Classroom

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten class is getting used to our classroom routines and daily plans; they especially look forward to center time. We have free choice and mandatory centers each day.

We have learned the letters B, F, G, H, M, T and P through puppets, songs, centers and stories. Please take the time to reinforce these letters and letter sounds. We have also worked on patterns, colors, shapes and are working with the numbers 1 through 6 right now. They should be able to match the number with the right amount of

objects and recognize the number on a dice. We will need to switch to lower case when printing our names soon, so please take the time to practice this if your child has not made the switch.

We have sharing every school day, but it is not necessary to bring something every day.

We will have a substitute on November 9th and 14th, but I look forward to seeing everyone at parent teacher interviews on Wednesday, Nov. 16th. A note will be sent home with interview times.

Thank you for sending the day planners regularly, they are useful to keep in touch and help the children understand the importance of calendars and organization. I write down the letter of the week in the planner for your child to practice printing that letter. Please keep the day planner with the Ziploc bag, this makes it easier to send the children's work and notes home safely. Please feel free to call me anytime with concerns that may arise. Your children continue to be a joy to teach!

Love, Mrs. Gregorash

Grade 1 & 2

On October 10, we welcomed a student teacher, Miss Zaderozy, into our classroom. She will be with us for 5 weeks observing, planning lessons, teaching, and helping out in a variety of areas.

In Math, we finished up our unit on patterning. We worked on Halloween number centres. The grade one students should be quite familiar with facts that add to 10; the grade 2 students should know their facts to 11. It is highly recommended that you practise these facts with

your child so that it will improve their efficiency in this area.

In Soc. St., we are starting on a new unit on Belonging. We will be discussing what groups, clubs, family, classroom, etc. the students belong to, and why belonging is important. Sometime this month, I will be sending home a 1-week journal for students to fill out with their parents. I will include a cover letter with it to let you know exactly what you need to help with.

Just a reminder to send your child's

planner back to school each day. Mrs. Nykorak and I will be writing a note once a week about what went well, or something that your child is working on, or areas that need some improvement.

Thank you, parents, for being so faithful in letting us know when your child has appointments, or has alternate arrangements for going home at the end of the day.

Mrs. Armstrong

We're Looking for **BOOKS!**

The **grade 3/4 class** is looking for books!

We are trying to build up our classroom library. If anyone has sets of chapter books at home (such as Magic Treehouse, Junie B. Jones, Andrew Clements, Stevie Diamond Mysteries, etc.) that they would like to donate, we would be very appreciative. Thanks for helping us build our library and love of reading!!



Communication

Gr. 3 & 4

Students have been working hard in Math. They have been adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers, estimating the differences between numbers and the sum of two numbers. Regrouping numbers is a bit mind boggling for some. Mad Minutes is completed daily. So far they have focussed on Addition and Subtraction. Soon Mad Minutes will include Multiplication. Place Value has been another area of focus. Both grades will move to Multiplication and Division very soon!

Plants continue to be the focus in Science. We have just planted seeds in order that we may chart their growth and determine how we can meet the plants needs for survival.

PE and Health include nutrition, physical activity, skills develop-

ment, and even Nucomb.

Until next time,

K. Slashinsky



Wow, November is already here. We have a lot planned for November in Grade 3/4. Our Guided Reading sessions have started and students are doing a great job of being responsible for finishing their Reading Tickets. I have been very impressed with the students' reading and feel the home reading that has been done since the beginning of October has had an impact. Great job students! (Ask your child why I put students like that:)) For home reading in November, each student will set a reading goal of minutes that they will try to meet.

In Social Studies, we are continuing our study of Canada. Near the end of the month, we will "board a plane" to start our study of Communities Around the World with a look at Christmas Around the World. I look forward to seeing the parents at Parent Teacher Interviews but if anything comes up in the meantime that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me. If any parents have email addresses that I could use to send short notes home, please send me an email at jhrymak@rrsd.mb.ca so I can save your contact.

Have a great month!

J. Hrymak



Gr. 5 & 6

Grade 5-6

Social Studies

We have been moving right along in Social Studies. We did some activities to help us get to know our textbook and we have done some mapping activities. Students have learned about post-Confederation life in Canada and will be learning about Manitoba joining Confederation in the next chapter.

Math

Both grades are still working

their way through the first unit in Math. It has been going a lot more slowly than I would like it to, but we are getting there. Grade 6 is finishing up factors and will be studying order of operations and integers. Grade 5s have been working with estimating sums.

Language Arts

TUSC meetings have gone well and everyone seems to be accepting the challenge of writing and presenting speeches. We have made a good start on our first novel

study, Here She Comes, Ms Teeny Wonderful. Students are writing spooky stories that are sure to make you shiver with fright!

Until next time,

Mrs. Hardy



Gr. 7 & 8

Language Arts - The big project for the beginning of November will be the completion of research projects on World War 2, in time for Remembrance Day. Following that, both grades will do their first novel studies of the year. The Grade 7's will be studying "Paddle to the Amazon" and the Grade 8's will read "Tuck Everlasting".

Mathematics - The unit on "Integers" will soon be completed. The next topic of study will be "Fractions".

Science - The class is continuing its study of ecosystems and natural cycles. They will soon be done their study of predator-prey relationships and will conclude the unit with a look at various cycles that

occur in nature as well as the impact that humans have on these cycles.

Social Studies - The class is investigating ideas that relate to the word "development" as it pertains to solving various problems in 3rd World countries. During November, they will also look at issues relating to water supply and water quality around the world.

Computer - The class is working through a series of lessons on "Keyboarding" skills. The goal is to have students type at more than 20 words-per-minute, using all ten fingers.

Phys. Ed. - The majority of PE classes in November will be dealing with volleyball.

*** This month, the class will begin working on a fund-raising effort that will involve a clean-up of the rink to help get it ready for the up-coming winter season. This will involve using some classtime and some noon-hour time. It will also require one or two after school sessions, too.

*** On Wednesday, November 23, the Grade 7/8 class will be among many other Grade 7 and 8 students who will travel to Winnipeg for a workshop/convention called "We Day". The theme of the workshop is "global citizenship" with a major topic being improving living conditions for children in less fortunate areas of the world.

Mr. Coulson

Minnedosa & Area Koats for Kidz

Winter Clothing is available for Pick-up at the Dari Isle Restaurant on the following dates:



Wednesday Nov. 2 @ 2pm – 7pm

Thursday Nov. 3 @ 2pm – 7pm

Friday Nov. 4 @ 2pm – 7pm

Saturday Nov. 5 @ 11am – 3pm

Tuesday Nov. 8 @ 2pm – 7pm

Wednesday Nov. 9 @ 2pm – 7pm

Thursday Nov. 10 @ 2pm – 7pm



The Dari Isle is located in Minnedosa at 11-6th Ave. NE. Please use the west side door.

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