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Welcome Back and Happy New Year to Students, Parents and Guardians!

A reminder that if you haven't already done so, please return your child's front cover of the 1st term report card signed.

Family Literacy Week

Family Literacy Week will be held during the week beginning January 20. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development - just 15 minutes a day can dramatically improve a child's literacy (reading and writing) skills, and is a great way to spend time with your child.

Family Literacy

Here are some great ways to get started:

1. Create your own comic strip about your family.
2. Invent two new endings to your favourite book.
3. Make up a new recipe together and post it online.
4. Tell knock-knock jokes together while doing the dishes.
5. Sing five songs really, really loud!
6. Invent a new game while playing at the park.
7. Read a story to your pet (or favourite toy).
8. Make a paper fortune teller with eight fortunes.
9. Write a silly poem and tell it to your family at dinner.
10. Log on to your favourite word game - can you beat your best score?
11. Create your family tree.
12. Play rhyming "I Spy" - "I spy something that rhymes with..."
13. Play a board game together.
14. Text your friend and tell them about your holiday.
15. Find 15 things that begin with the letter "S".

Both Parkview Elementary and the District of Sicamous will be doing activities to support Family Literacy Week. The school will be doing another "Drop Everything and Read Activity" on January 22.

Winter Activities

Everyone enjoyed the Winter Concert on December 19th. Parents, grandparents, guardians and friends were all on hand to witness an evening of music. A big thank you to our students and staff for all their efforts. A special thank you to Mr. Koenig our music director and Mrs. Taylor our drama teacher who made the evening possible!

Judges for the Classroom Door Decorating contest had a very difficult time choosing a winner. However, after much deliberation, winners were declared and Division 5 (Mr. Purdon) and Division 2 (M.s Larson and Mrs. Schneider) had the most interesting and well decorated doors. Honourable mention went to our Library and Custodial doors. Well done everyone!

A Winter Activity day was held on December 14 and students enjoyed carolling with Mr. Koenig and Bob Evans on Friday, December 22. Check out Parkview's Facebook page for photos.

Assembly

Our next school wide assembly will be held on Monday, January 15 @ 8:25 a.m.

P.A.C. Meeting

Our next P.A.C. Meeting will be held on January 15th @ 2:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

School goals

Our school *reading* goal continues to be a focus. Practice makes perfect! We believe strongly that reading at home for 15-20 minutes every day is essential to reading success. One great idea that I have personally seen work really well with older students who are reading chapter books is a book journal with an adult. With this strategy the youth and the adult both read the same book, on their own, but share a journal where they record short thoughts about the book and respond to what the other person writes.

Math tip of the month: Skip counting is awesome! Right from kindergarten children learn to skip count. This skill is essential for learning higher level skills such as multiplication and research shows that students who can skip count are more successful in math throughout the years.

Practice skip counting in the car, before bed or maybe even as the ticket to being excused from the table after dinner 😊

Kindergarten: by 10's to 100

Grade 1: by 5's and 10's to 100 and by 2's to 20

Grade 2: by 10's BUT..... start at a number such as 3 (3, 13, 23, 33, etc)

Grade 3: by 2,3,4,5 and 10's

Grade 4 and above: 2,3,4,5,10's up to 100 (this is review)

Upcoming Events

January 8	School Begins
January 8	Strongstart Closed
January 11	Division 3 Skating
January 11	Find Your Fit @ ERS Divisions 1 – 3 10:40 – 11:20
January 15	Assembly 8:25
January 15	P.A.C. Meeting 2:30
January 16	Cross Country Skiing
January 18	Division 3 Skating
January 24	Cross Country Skiing
January 25	Division 3 Skating
January 25	Hat day
January 26	Lunch Day
January 26	Division 8 @ ORL
January 26	Snowball Dance 6:00 – 8:00
January 30 & 31	Report Card Conferences
January 31	Pirate Loppett

Finally . . .

As we get into the winter months and snowy days, please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. In general, we will be outside at break times as much as possible. Toques, mitts, snow pants and proper footwear will keep your child warm. When the temperature is very cold, or when the wind chill drops the temperature to -20°C we will be indoors.