

## April 15, 2021 - Parent Council Meeting

<b>Pathways</b>	<p>This month's theme will be All About Me! We will be discussing our similarities and differences, and embracing our diversity. We will also get a chance to revisit our emotions and self-regulation. Later on as spring progresses, we will explore growth and the changes that happen with the season - new leaves, flowers, birds and bugs!</p> <p>We wrapped up our alphabet studying Animated Literacy and will now review the sounds using a sound wall - discussing the different sounds we can make. Students are encouraged to imitate speech sounds and use mirrors to examine their own tongue/lip positioning.</p> <p>We are excited for the wonderful warm weather and are looking forward to all the outdoor learning experiences spring will bring!</p>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<p>We are so pleased to have Ms. Stankey, our student-teacher! She has worked on the animated literacy lessons with Letter E and an animal study about 'elephants'. We are learning letter Kk -sound friend Kimmie Kangaroo, reviewing short vowels a, e, o, and u, reviewing rhyming and starting to sound out 3 letter (consonant-vowel-consonant) words.</p> <p>Our garden is producing peas and beans! Yum, Yum! And our tomatoes will be transplanted for the second time. Hopefully the weather will warm up soon so that we can plant sunflowers, marigolds, beans , peas, beets and much more outside.</p> <p>In religion we are continuing our Easter Journey and practicing the Hail Mary -preparing for the month of May.</p> <p>In math we continue with Number Talks, subitizing and printing our numerals up to 20. We will soon introduce 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>We are so thankful for the support of Ms. B, who is helping us learn more about our emotions and how to manage many friendship situations.</p>
<b>Gr. ½</b>	<p>We have been enjoying the spring months and have done many writing and art activities related to it. Since today was earth day we focused on writing what we can do to help the earth as well as what our favourite thing about earth is. We tied this into religion by talking about how important all God's creatures are...both big and small.</p> <p>Math we are finishing 2D and 3D shapes as well as still continuing to add and subtract. The grade twos are working on two digit numbers. They get excited to work with manipulatives to show their work.</p>

	<p>Social studies has us finishing up learning about Meteghan and relating it to our own community and what that means.</p> <p>Science has been the 5 senses and we are starting to introduce small crawling and flying animals soon.</p> <p>Everyday we are thankful for our friends and continue to build strong connectins.</p>
<b>Gr. 2</b>	<p>This month we are finishing things up! We are writing all about Spring and completing a book study of a favourite book each student has read. In math we are finishing up our addition and subtraction skills. In religion we are continuing our Easter journey. In science we are finishing up learning about magnets with some fun art projects and sculpture building. In social studies we are finishing up learning about the prairie community of Saskatoon. We are also welcoming Mrs. Hunt to grade 2, who will be taking over for Mrs. LaRose at the end of the month!</p>
<b>Gr. 3</b>	<p>Our grade 3 class welcomed Miss Roberts into our classroom. She is a U of A Education student who is doing her practicum here at Madonna. Miss Roberts is teaching fractions in math, Peru in Social Studies and working on bridges in Science. Miss Roberts will be with 3G until the end of April. In Religion we have prepared our Indigenous Faith Assembly along with continuing our Easter journey.</p>
<b>Gr. 3/4</b>	<p>Grade <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> students are doing our Faith assemblies this month. We started the month with Celebrating Easter. Our next assembly is celebrating Earth day and discussing the creation story. In grade <math>\frac{3}{4}</math>, we have been working on suspense writing and persuasive writing. In math, students are in their pattern unit and working on their basic facts. In science, grade 3 students are finishing their bridges and grade 4 students are building popcan racers, to go along with their building units.</p>

Gr. 4

In Grade 4 we are completing a novel called "Fatty Legs" written by a Residential School survivor Margaret Pokiak. This complements our Social Studies as we explore the histories and stories of Alberta. In Science we enjoyed testing our Pop Can dragsters that we created from a pop can, elastic, 2 beads and 2 popsicle sticks. The students created their own slides and led the school assembly about Holy Week before Spring Break.