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Kindergarten 2024

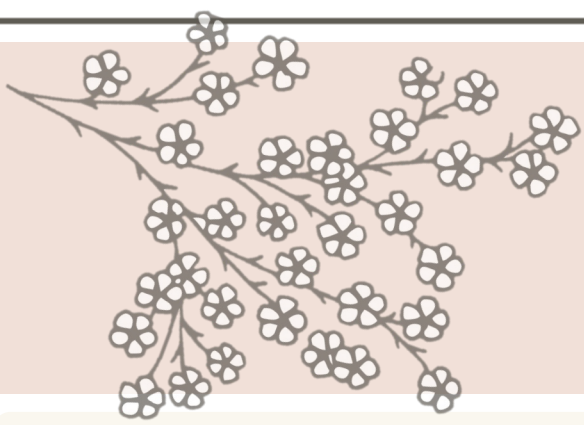
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
4	5	6 Early Out 2:15p	7	8 TTH
11 Collins' S&T K-led St. Patrick's Day Assembly	12 Carter's S&T	13 Luke's S&T	14 Cameron's S&T Bend the Rules! Wellness AM	15 Jian's S&T Bend the Rules! MW
18 Alex's S&T K- and 2/3 O led Stations of the Cross Assembly	19 Elijah's S&T	20 Haidyn's S&T Tony Tootoosis – Powwow 101 AM 3-Way conferences 4-7pm	21 Finn's S&T	22 School Closed
25	26	27	28	29
1 Easter Monday	2 Kashton's S&T	3 Autumn's S&T Early Out 2:15p Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day	4 Kaiden's S&T	5 Kanon's S&T MW

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Djembe drums in the music room for the month of March
- Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada March 15-21
- Lenten food drive ends March 21
- Spring/Easter break March 22-April 2

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We have another exciting month up ahead! Our big focus for the month is continuing to learn about the three pillars of Lent and the journey to Easter. We are also focusing on gathering information from the texts we read (identifying characters and events, taking information from books and media for research purposes), decoding and creating words, examining and using numbers in our environment, and exploring addition and subtraction by combining and taking apart groups of numbers.

We have the opportunity to take part in some unique learning opportunities this month; our school has a set of Djembe drums-an instrument originating from West Africa-for the month of March. Students will have a chance to learn about and play these drums. We will also have two visits from Tony Tootosis, who will teach us about Powwow dances, and we will be hosting the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada toward the end of the month-this is a great chance to look at Canada in a new way!

We have a Bend the Rules day happening on March 14/15th- there will be several school rules that students can "bend" by donating to Lurana Shelter. Each rule bent costs \$1 – can be paid via PowerSchool (preferred) or cash.

We are excited to build leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day. This is a great project for our students that involves researching, planning, communicating with partners, problem solving, and thinking creatively.

This month, kindergarten is helping to lead two assemblies – the St. Patrick's Day assembly on March 11, and the Stations of the Cross Assembly with 2/30 on March 18.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Did you know that in the liturgical calendar, the Easter season doesn't begin until Easter Monday? With an early Easter that coincides with spring break, we have decided to spend our time before the break focusing on St. Patrick's Day and the story of Easter as told in the bible; the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. After spring break, we will be talking all things eggs and bunnies!

WORD WORK

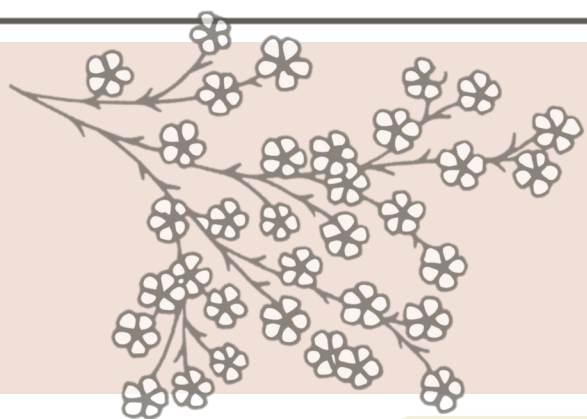
We have been working hard on our word decoding and recognizing skills. When reading with your child, ask them to point out any high-frequency words they see (high-frequency words we are focusing on in class include: **the, was, a, to, day, you, do, of, is, and**). Encourage your child to decode any simple, CVC words they encounter (bug, lot, dad, etc.). Talk about each letter sound in isolation before putting together, if needed.

3-WAY CONFERENCES

Our 3-way conferences are scheduled for March 20&21 from 4-7pm. Please book an appointment using [this link!](#) Looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you!

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SHOW AND TELL

We have been learning about different ways to describe objects to help our audience guess more accurately. For the next round of show and tell, please have your child bring in a secret object (or a picture of an object) in a bag or something to prevent others from seeing it. They will then have a chance to describe it and have students guess the object. Your child will be bringing home a keychain of beads that represent ways to describe-the colors of the beads are in brackets. Help your child brainstorm answers to these questions: **What group is it in (green)? What does it do (blue)? What does it look like (white w/eye)? What is it made of (wood)? What are its parts (pink)? Where would you see it (white)? What else do you know about it (orange w/?)?**

FOOD DRIVE

As part of our Lenten almsgiving, kindergarten students at Madonna Catholic School are organizing a school-wide collection to benefit Strathcona Food Bank. Strathcona Food Bank is a non-profit organization providing food to families in need in Sherwood Park and rural Strathcona County. It has been in operation since 1983. They believe that everyone in Strathcona County has the right to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences. **Participation is optional!**

We will be collecting food drive items through March 21-including during 3-way conferences. Last year we collected 315.5lbs of food – can we beat that this year?

What to donate?

We are seeking non-perishable donations that can be added to snack bags, as well as birthday bag items so that we can ensure many children have snacks to eat and a birthday celebration on their special day.

Examples include:

- Low-sugar fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Pudding cups
- Oatmeal packages
- Bear paws
- Juice boxes
- Individually packed crackers, cookies, applesauce, etc..
- Paper cupcake holders
- Boxed cake mix
- Prepared icing
- Bagged balloons
- Birthday candles
- Birthday paper plates/napkins

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FOOD
DRIVE**
COLLECTING THROUGH MARCH 21

As part of our journey through Lent, we are exploring Almsgiving through a food drive for Strathcona County Food Bank! Help us collect birthday party items, kid-friendly snacks, and other non-perishables!