



1K's Fun In One-February News



We love because He loved us first. –John 4:19

Dear Grade One Families,

It is hard to believe that half the school year is over. We are looking forward to the busy months ahead and all the exciting new learning that will take place.

We have a new classroom pet, a miniature blue lobster, who we have named *Blue*. Thank you to the Davison family who donated the tank and sand and to the Vanden Pol family who set up the tank, are maintaining it and donated our new pets (three fish as well to help keep *Blue* company). *Blue* is very exciting to watch; we've already seen him shed his first skin (and eat it too), are learning about his adaptations for survival (his claws are huge already) and he has definitely spiked our curiosity and interest about water animals.

Yours in education, Ms. Cheryl Kuchmak cherylk@eics.ab.ca

Curriculum Update

Religion-My Life In Jesus

We begin this unit by exploring the sacrament of Baptism of Jesus. The study of Baptism will focus on belonging to families. Students will compare their own family to the Church family and the parish family. They will compare their family responsibilities to the obligation of the parish family to reach out to others. Students will study three important stories in the life of Jesus, in which Jesus sets an example of outreach and compassion to others: The Wedding at Cana, Jesus Feeds 5000, and Jesus and the Leper.

Language Arts

-Descriptive writing
-Development of proper sentences and organizing ideas
-Character development con't
-Penguin unit study- We will begin our Penguin unit. Throughout this non-fiction inquiry unit the children will have the opportunity to: compare and contrast penguins and other artic animals, write about facts they have learned, compare data, visualize about what they read about, unscramble/create factual sentences,

and relate it to our math, science and poetry units.

-Continue to enhance and develop skills covered from Sept-Jan

Social Studies-Taking Part in My Community

We will begin our next unit focusing on landmarks in our community, learning the difference between a map and globe, locating our community on a map and globe and learning the differences between rural and urban communities.

Science-Penguins and begin Senses

Students will develop an awareness of their own senses and how they are used. They will:

- Use their sense to identify objects
- Identify the five senses and explain how we use our senses in interpreting the world
- Recognize that other living things have senses and identify ways that various animals use their senses
- Describe the information their senses provide

Math-Continue Addition and Subtraction to 12, begin Numbers to 100 Students are learning how to print numbers to 100, skip count in 5's and 10's to 100 and group large quantities of objects to make counting easier.

100th Day of School



Since the first day of school we have been counting the days on our 100's Chart. Every morning, we count in 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, and backwards anticipating for the day when we can flip over the last number, 100. On **Friday February 19th, we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School!!** We will be doing 100 themed activities throughout the day to celebrate this very important milestone. **The students should all bring in a collection of 100 objects, either in a bag or uniquely displayed (i.e., using 100 lego pieces to create an object, 100 pictures of your favourite animal glued in groups of 10, 100 hockey cards, a necklace with 100 beads, a snowman with 100 marshmallows, an egg carton caterpillar with 100 legs, etc.) or on large chart paper. It is their work to do the counting to ensure they have 100 pieces/parts to make their project. Have them make groups of 10 and practice counting in 10's.**

To celebrate, we would love to have the **kids dress up like they are 100 years old.** Here are some ideas to help get you started planning what your child will wear.

GIRLS: Printed skirts, pearls, eyeglasses, sweater, wig or curled hairstyle, gray hair spray, knee high stockings, large purse, scarf.

BOYS: Button down shirt, flannel shirt, suspenders, tie, eyeglasses, drawn on mustache or beard, gray hair spray.



Valentine's Day

On Thursday February 11th, we will celebrate Valentine's Day at school. Throughout the day

we will focus on the meaning of Valentine's Day in many of the subject areas and have a small classroom party in the afternoon when the children will be able to exchange Valentine cards and do some special activities. Children can dress in red, white, pink, and/or purple.

If your child is planning to send Valentine's Day cards to their classmates, please have them send one to everyone in the class. Attached is a class list for them to use. I also encourage your child to write all their invitations.

Please send in a shoebox or Kleenex box to school by Monday February 8th. We will be decorating our boxes and using them as mailboxes.



Penguin Visit

Our final activity on Thursday February 11th will be a visit from an African penguin. How great it will be to learn from a real penguin!!

Grade One Charity of the Month

February is Syndrome Awareness month and on February 17th Madonna Catholic will bring awareness to Angelman's Syndrome. Angelman syndrome is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by severe intellectual and developmental disability, sleep disturbance, seizures, jerky movements, frequent laughter or smiling, and usually a happy demeanor. We will be having a Popcorn Fundraiser to buy a new sled/wagon to help a student in Grade One with Angelman's Syndrome so he can participate in all outdoor school activities and fieldtrips in his sled/wagon. Popcorn bags will be sold for \$2.00 each and we are aiming to raise \$300.00 towards the estimated cost of \$2,000.00. If you would like to make a private/business contribution to this fundraiser please email Ms. Kuchmak at cherylk@eics.ab.ca.

The colour chosen to represent Angelman Syndrome is blue and I would like all students in 1K to wear blue on February 17th in support of our classmate Sawyer. We will also need 4 parent volunteers that morning to help scoop popcorn into bags, set up tables, help with the popcorn sale, clean up and count money.



Check out this website!

This website offers free educational games, online books and comics to develop skills in math, reading and literacy. Funbrain is published by Family Education Network a part of Pearson, the education, services and technology, services and technology company.

<http://www.funbrain.com>

Madonna's monthly newsletters

You can find Madonna's and 1K's (under STAFF) monthly newsletters online at:

<http://madonna.eics.ab.ca>



Birthdays

Children are welcomed to bring in a healthy treat or book to share with the class when we celebrate their birthday at school. Please be cognizant of nuts when sending birthday snacks to school.

Scholastic Book Orders

Please make payment for all Scholastic orders by cheque to:
Scholastic Canada Inc.

Ash Wednesday Mass

All parents are welcomed to join and sit with us at OLPH Church for mass at 12:45 on February 10th.

1k's Class List

Jaxon

Meghan

Jacob

Cian

Kaydence

Tayla

Archer

Kate

Ethan

Carlos

Leidy

Nikolas

Dallas

Tara

Sawyer

Phoenix

Rachel

Chase

Wyatt

Aaliyah

Sara

Nathan

Cruz

Hudson

Ms. Kuchmak

Mrs. Wispinski

1K's February Volunteer Sign-Up

****Please fill out the dates you are available to be a classroom volunteer and return back to school on Monday February 8th.****

Tuesday February 9th 8:48-12:23 _____

Thursday February 11th 8:48-12:23 _____

12:23-3:13 _____

Tuesday February 16th 8:48-12:23 _____

Angelman's Syndrome Popcorn Sale: Wednesday February 17th 10:00-1:00 (four volunteers are needed) _____

Friday February 19th 8:48-12:23 _____

12:23-3:13 _____

Wednesday February 24th 8:48-12:23 _____

Friday February 26th 8:48-12:23 _____

Wednesday March 2nd 8:48-12:23 _____



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Early Dismissal 2:13	4 No School	5 No School Happy Birthday Hudson	6
7	8 Send in a Kleenex or shoebox today	9 Shrove Tuesday- Pancake lunch	10 Ash Wednesday Mass at OLPH Church 12:45	11 Valentine's Day and Penguin Visit Return library books Return Spelling duo-tang	12 No School	13
14	15 No School	16 Book Orders Due	17 Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day-Wear BLUE \$2.00 Popcorn Fundraiser	18 Adoration School Mass Happy Birthday Leidy Return library books	19 100 th Day of School Celebration Return Spelling duo-tang	20 Happy Birthday Ethan
21	22	23	24	25 Return library books	26 Return Spelling duo-tang	27
28	29					

