



# February 2022 Newsletter

## Principal's Message

The month of January absolutely flew by! I cannot believe that we are around halfway through the school year already. Despite all the uncertainties around restrictions etc. it has really been an awesome year. I am so thankful for the amazing staff, students, and parents of this community - it has been an absolute pleasure to serve as principal these last few months.

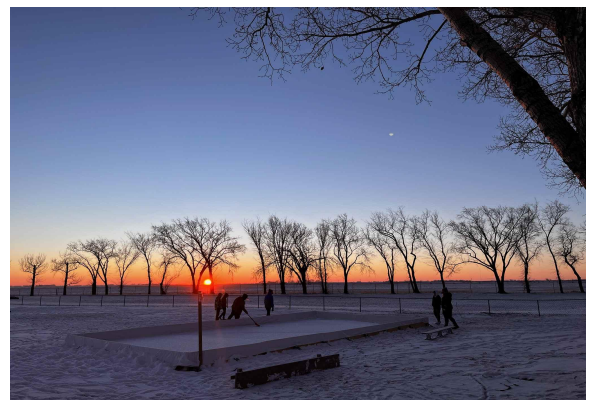
Earlier this year, we had a meeting of our Wellness Committee - made up of teachers, support staff, and parents - to discuss a few wellness goals for the school. We came up with three goals that we are really excited about: 1) We want to have at least one school-wide event every month to promote belonging and community here at the school. 2) We are going to try and be flexible with our classrooms and work to 'break down the walls' so that we can enhance students experiences (getting outside, doing community trips when we have less restrictions) and 3) We want to focus on student wellness, belonging, and mental health by utilizing our Family School Liaison Counselor, Chantelle, as well as resources that improve students' social-emotional health. We are really excited to continue to promote wellness for students and staff here at Sunnyside!

There have been a few great things happening here at the school that I would like to highlight. First of all, students continue to have amazing opportunities to be active and outside. Most students are outside at least an hour and a half every day, and some students even more! We have also had some great activities happening for the grade 5/6's - the grade 6's have been doing cooking class during Friday wellness, mini-basketball has started this week, we are (hopefully) attending a 3 on 3 basketball tournament this weekend, and we have a ski trip booked for the grade 5/6 students for March 3rd. I am so impressed with how our staff continues to provide quality opportunities for our students despite all of the difficulties around covid restrictions.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out and call me. As I have mentioned before, I love talking with parents about how things are going, and I appreciate the opportunity to collaborate on how to make your children's educational experiences even better.

Thanks! Have a great month of February!

Mitchell Van Dyk





# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 School Council Meeting 3:45-4:45	3 Mini Basketball	4 3 on 3 basketball tournament Immanuel Christian School	5
6	7 Mini Basketball	8	9 Mini Basketball	10	11	12
13	14 Mini Basketball	15	16 Mini Basketball	17	18	19
20	21 Family Day	22 No School	23 No School	24 Teachers' Convention No School	25 Teachers' Convention No School	26
27	28 Mini Basketball			"Looking ahead" ski Trip		

# Sunnyside Early Learning Program

My name is Mrs. Hudson, and I want to tell you a bit about our Early Learning Program. In our little portable, we have so much fun. We play, we learn, we laugh, we use scissors and glue, we explore, we bake, we sing, we take pictures, we make forts, we paint, we read.

We go outside twice a day to explore, and learn about our surroundings. We venture outside in the cold, the wind, and the rain. We have an outdoor classroom we call Bark Park. We utilize this space as our classroom as much as we can. In the winter the logs are brought inside, so we have nature all year round. This program is for all children, and every child is welcome. Registration starts in February. Please call the office at 403-327-9214 for registration information.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me

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Here are a few pictures of the fun we have in our classroom.

The top 3 pictures were taken from students, with our classroom camera.



# Kindergarten News

This past month flew by in our classroom, and I imagine February will be even faster. It has been incredible to see the growth in the students from before the Christmas break until now. The month of January we spent time focusing our learning on winter themed activities. Perhaps the most exciting thing that happened in our classroom was the incubating of our 12 eggs. We are learning about life cycles and are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the chicks so we can see our hard work pay off. Our chicks are set to hatch (fingers crossed) between February 7th-11th.

During our literacy activities we focused on learning story sequencing, expanding letter sound awareness, rhyming, and starting our writers workshops. It has been amazing to see the students take on the new role of authors. This is a new independence and I cannot wait to see the stories they are writing by the end of the year.

We spent our mornings outside exploring seasonal changes, story telling, singing, and animal tracking. We also spent time working on fine and gross motor controls. It has been amazing to see the strength these children are getting from outdoor learning.

Below are some pictures from various classroom activities that we have done this past month.



# Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Klassen

February - Grade 1/2 Mrs. Klassen

We have welcomed 2022 with enthusiasm and joy in grade 1/2! Many of our mornings have started out with spectacular sunrises as we explore our prairie landscape. This past month we have investigated and identified some pretty cool animal tracks in the snow and mud! Check out some of the learning and experiences we have had in January...



We are exploring building during science and STEAM time...it has been a blast so far! Thanks to parents for sending donations to help us build!



In Reading and Writing we are delving into non-fiction work, including writing our own “expert” books...from printing words to planning chapters we are all growing as writers!

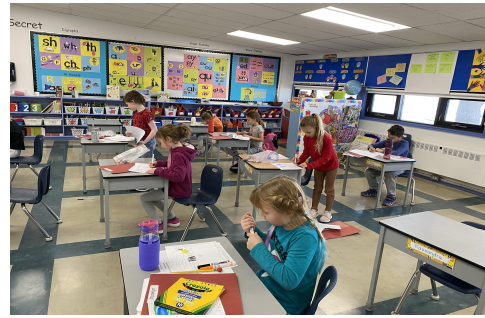
Our math work continues to expand our number sense as well as explore addition, subtraction and shapes.

*Gratitude: A special thanks to Mrs. Roth who greets every child in the morning and helps make sure grade 1's and 2's are dressed for the weather! We appreciate you so much!*

# Grade 1/2 News - Mrs. Slusar

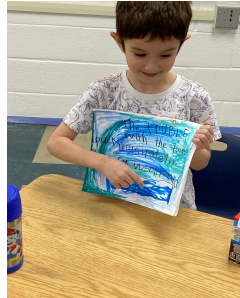


**Playing With Tires**



**Garbage Clean-up Crew.**

**Hard-Working writers during writing Workshop time**



**Celebrating and sharing small moment stories.**



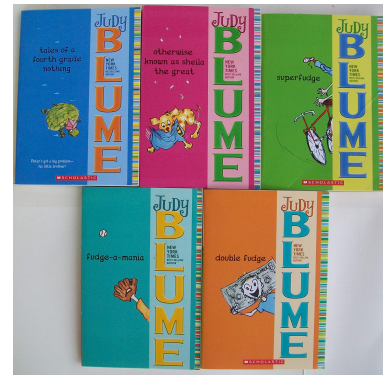
**January Snow Creations**

# Grade 3/4 News - Mrs. Henderson

## January News from the Grade 3/4J Classroom!

**Math:** Geometry is the latest topic we are exploring. Students are learning important terminology such as polygons, vertices, sides, angles, as well as the names of specific shapes (ex. pentagon, hexagon, quadrilateral, etc.)

**LA: Reading** - Our class participates in a variety of reading activities throughout the day including independent reading, leveled reading groups, and a class read aloud. During our daily reading we are "putting into practice" a variety of reading skills (ex. predicting, visualizing, questioning, personal response, evaluating, etc.) to help develop our comprehension skills and our ability to talk about what we are reading. For our class read aloud we are currently reading the Judy Blume "Fudge" series. We LOVED Book 1 "Tales of a Fourth Grade nothing"! Just ask about the shenanigans of Fudge! Poor Dribble! We are currently reading Book 2 "Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great". **Writing** - Students are taking part in an opinion and persuasive writing unit. We are following the "OREO" format and even had an Oreo treat to help remind us!! **Word Work** - We continue to work on our phonics, vocabulary, and spelling skills.



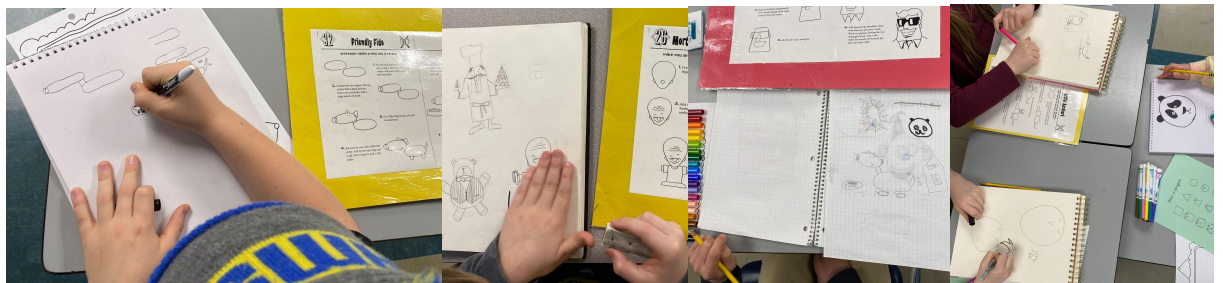
**Social:** We are "Celebrating Culture" in Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India. This includes exploring topics such as traditions, language, beliefs, food, music, art, clothing, celebrations and holidays, story telling, etc.

**Science:** We are learning about "Hearing and Sound" right now. We are watching many cool videos and taking part in a variety of activities that help us discover more about what sound is and how we hear.

**Art:** Cartooning!! Students are having a blast using basic shapes to create a variety of cartoons. See some of our creations below! We are taking cartooning one step further as we challenge ourselves to create slow-motion animation projects using Google Slides during Friday Wellness!!

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. J. Henderson





# Grade 3/4 News – Mrs. Hudey

## Mrs. Hudey – Grade 3/4 News!

We are looking forward to a fantastic month!

February brings another month of hard work, fun and new games! Here's a glimpse of what we will be working on:

**Reading**- Students continue to work in small groups everyday to enhance reading skills and practice new strategies. Students are enjoying the class read aloud "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown.

**Math**- Number Sense, mental math, estimating, mass and measurement, geometry and problem solving. We have been playing a variety of dice and card games to improve basic fact accuracy.

**Writing**- Opinion paragraph writing.  
(OREO - opinion, reason, example, opinion.)

**Science**- Hearing and Sound

**Social Studies**- Peru

**Wellness**- 3D printing coding, skating on the ODR, crafts, coloring, board games, reading, drawing and outdoor activities.

**Please note:** Feb. 11 Valentine class exchange    February Break: Feb.21-25

### GRATITUDE:

- ★ Thank you Mr. VD for sharing your expertise and passion in the building of the ODR!
- ★ Thank you Mr. Maxwell for coming to tie skates!



# Grade 5/6 News - Mrs. Jesse

We've made it to the halfway point in the year and I continue to be impressed with the growth being demonstrated daily by these students. They are working hard on their academic skills, their social skills as well as growing their independence.

**Math** - In math, we are just finishing up our 3rd unit: Number Relationships. Students have been working on multiplication skills as well as factorization and order of operations. There will be an assessment during the first week of February for this unit. Next, we are diving into graphing. Students have been introduced to graphs in our weather unit in science, but we will practice gathering information and creating graphs to represent our information. We will also practice reading various graphs to gather information. Be prepared for some poll questions!

**Science** - In science we have learned a lot about weather - our second unit. The fluctuating weather over the past two months has allowed us to create and use tools to measure all types of information. We will finish this unit with an extreme weather research project and presentation. A summative exam will take place before Family Day break, so watch for a study guide to come home soon. Our next unit will be Chemistry!!

**LA** - In reading and writing, we are working with non-fiction texts. Students are acquiring skills and using all text features to help them learn about their topics. We will be completing a research project in science and social studies to reinforce the learning taking place there, as well as create a non-fiction book of their own on a topic of their choice. I encourage students to keep on reading at home to keep up their reading stamina.

**Social** - In social, we are working on our third Regions project. With each project, students have researched and demonstrated their learning with various projects. So far they have created an I-Region with various apps, a virtual postcard, and a visual venn diagram. In this final project, students are able to represent their learning in a form of their choice. Some students will be building their region, and may require materials from home. Please feel free to contact me if there are questions regarding this project. We will be moving on to the History of Canada by March.

Here are some pictures of our latest celebration of writing!



Sunnyside Cafe  
Today's Special  
• a large serving of personal narrative with sides of...  
action, dialogue & feelings  
- served with a side of problem solving : realization  
Dessert  
• a sweet helping of figurative language  
• tasty transitions  
• endings that leave you satisfied 😊