

Huntsville News



November 2019

Kindergarten

December is sure to be an exciting month in our classroom. The children are already thinking about Christmas and sharing their experiences.

THEMES: Our Themes for December are Christmas and Gingerbread. In Language Arts we will be reading The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl and The Gingerbread Baby and participating in numerous literacy activities that revolve around these stories. In Math we will be learning how to subitize. This is when you can look at a group of objects and tell the quantity without counting them. We will also be building patterns and looking for patterns in our environment. Christmas decorations have great examples of patterns. In Science we will be exploring our five senses and magnets. In Gym the students will be acting out the stories that they are reading and playing some circle games. Thank you: Thank you to all of the parents who came out for Parent/Teacher interviews. It was great to celebrate your child's accomplishments and set goals for their future learning with you.

Our EXTRA FRIDAY for Kindergarten is Friday, December 6.

Enjoy the Christmas break and see if you can find some patterns this month with your family!

Hugs,
Mrs. Grandmont

Grade 2/3

Grade 2/3 continue to work on poetry writing in Language Arts. It has been wonderful to watch them become quite the poets. Lots of growth has also happened from them in reading. Many students have moved up several reading levels. There was lots of celebrations for parents and students at parent teacher interviews!

Ms. Easthope

Grade 3/4

Grade 3/4 students are enjoying their Article of the Week nonfiction unit and gaining important skills like summarizing and responding personally to issues. Students are getting into the Christmas spirit with Christmas books and a winter wonderland painting project. We have completed our Tipi Villages in Social Studies, and we're building musical instruments in our Hearing and Sound Science unit. Grade 3/4 students are practicing daily for the Christmas concert, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to Christmas Hot Lunch, Pancake Breakfast Hot Lunch, the Secret Santa Exchange and Pyjama Day. We are also focusing on dressing warmly, because winter is upon us! Bundle up everyone!

Mrs. Yanke

Grade 4/5 - 6/7

The 4/5s are working on planning articles using an inverted triangle structure, and are trying to read a variety of genres before Christmas break to complete their Reading BINGO sheets. In Social, 4/5 students have been discussing how Canada became a country. They even did a film study on Zootopia from a Social perspective looking at power and equality.

The 6/7s are designing interview questions, and conducting research to add depth and interest to their articles. In Reading, most students have been studying Hatchet while another group analyzes Where the Red Fern Grows. Students completed an introductory unit on geography together in Social. However, from this point forward, grade 6 students will be learning about democracy, and the grade 7s will be studying the history of Canada. The 6/7s also designed presentations about cold weather and travelled around the school promoting the importance of dressing for the weather and being prepared for the unexpected. Stay warm Huntsville!

Mrs. Gruninger

Ms. McCallum

In Elementary...

Grade 2/3 students have finished up their first Science unit on Hot and Cold Temperatures. In November, the 2/3s worked on mapping skills for social studies and completed a map of our classroom. We have now started another Social Studies unit that talks about our community. In Grade 4 Math, students have been working hard on adding and subtracting numbers into the thousands, as well as adding and subtracting decimals!

In 8/9 Options/Health...

The 8/9s completed the month of November doing fabrication with Mr. Bramfield at PBHS. In Health, students have completed their first unit on healthy friendships. Since then, students have been working on personal safety.



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