

Welcome to the First Week of the 2016-2017 School Year

Also sent home today: Updated Class Info brochure and email check.
If no changes or volunteer interest right now, keep this sheet for reference.

Parent Form

- All newsletters will be sent home electronically via email
- If you have an email, address, phone number change, please call the office to let Deanna know, or write below for her

Contact information changes: _____

- In an effort to offer more opportunities for parent/ community volunteers to be in the classroom, I have updated my list, so check out both sides of this form!
 - Share and read aloud a favorite story/ book/ poem or just an excerpt of a favorite and answering student questions (mornings)
 - Playing math fact fluency games with students (before, after lunch)
 - Reading with a student in new Love Reading block (end of day)
 - Helping students practice or complete spelling/ phonics
 - Sharing about a trip or experience you had (beginning/ end of day)
 - Sharing about history you are passionate about (ancestry/event)
 - Sharing a fun experiment
 - Sharing an a life lesson or inspirational story
 - Sharing a game, craft, recipe
 - Subject specific (check out the back of this form)

Other: _____

I understand life gets busy so I thank you for everything you do! Don't stress about coming in or about signing up right now. There will be other opportunities to come in for parties, field trips, fundraising, etc.

Ensuring that home reading is done each night, phonics and spelling units are completed and math skills are practiced, for example, makes a huge contribution to the school and your child's learning. Show them it matters to you. And please feel comfortable contacting me or stop in with concerns or comments about your child. It all makes a difference!

Social specific topics:

- Regions of Alberta
 - features
 - Paleontology
- The First Peoples
 - First Nations, Metis, Inuit
 - Medicine Wheels
 - Relationships with nature
 - Artifacts: carvings, arrowheads
 - Arts: drums, dance, sculpture
 - Bison
 - Tipi
 - Language
 - Territories
- Fur Trade
 - Hudson's Bay Company
 - Various furs
 - Forts and trading
 - Metis Voyagers
 - David Thompson
 - Rocky Mountain House site
 - Fort Edmonton
- Early Settlement
 - British Monarchy
 - British Missionaries
 - French Missionaries
 - St. Albert
 - Metis Life and buffalo
 - Northwest Mounted Police
 - Northwest Territories
 - Treaties, Treaty 7
 - Metis struggles
 - Railway
 - Schools
 - Rutherford

Science specific topics:

- Waste in Our World
 - food chains
 - wastes from human activity
 - biodegradability
 - different kinds of packaging
 - waste production and disposal
- Wheels and Levers
 - simple machines
 - drive systems that use:
 - wheel to wheel contact
 - a belt or elastic
 - a chain
 - cogs or gears
 - transfer of motion
- Building Things that Move
 - moving parts
 - simple forces to power/ propel
 - energy storing/ consuming
 - control-mechanisms
- Light and Shadows
 - light safety
 - sources and pathways of light
 - internal vs. external sources
 - size, location of sun shadows
 - movement of light, obstacles
 - transparency
 - refracted light, light in colors
 - optical devices
- Plant Growth and Changes
 - importance of environment
 - purpose of plant parts
 - describe, classify common plants
 - plant requirements for growth
 - plants with special needs
 - plant communities
 - plant life cycles
 - propagation
 - care and growth of a plant
 - seed distribution