



Spring has sprung!



Kindergarten
Mrs. Valiant

April 2016

Important dates to remember



April Birthdays



12 - Sonia
20 - Raine

April 8:

Axis Theatre
Cultural Performance @
9:00am

April 13:

ELFF @ 3:30-5:00pm in Gym

April 18-22:

Earth Day Show and Tell

April 20:

Class and School Photo

Classroom Update

Term 3

I hope everyone had a restful March Break! For those that ventured away, I hope your travels were enjoyable and safe. We have entered our third and final term of the year. Here's to working hard and having fun!

Sunny Weather

As the weather is getting nicer, we will continue to have recess outside and now some of our gym times will take place outdoors. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear (sandals, flip-flops, crocs, shoes with heels and boots are not recommended as they can be unsafe), as well as comfortable clothing. You may want to send a hat along as the days become sunnier and hotter.



Morning Drop-Offs

Believe it or not, Grade 1 is right around the corner! I want to thank you all for helping out by saying good-bye to your child outside the pod doors instead of coming into the building. This is really helping the students become more independent and a great start for them next year. Thank you, thank you!!

Support at Home

Here are some things you can practice at home with your child:

In Math:

- rote counting by: 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s to 100
- practice printing numbers from 0 to 20
- associating numbers to 30 with matching quantities
- playing dominoes, recognizing the quantities/number by looking at the dots without counting them one by one
- add numbers to 5, use manipulatives, write out simple equations ($2 + 1 = 3$)

In Reading and Writing:

- while reading a story, practice tracking the text with your finger
- look for familiar words or letters in everyday environments (cereal boxes, shopping lists, street names, etc.)
- listen for beginning sounds in familiar words
- practice spelling words using letter sounds
- make lists / booklets of words your child knows starting with a specific sound, have him / her illustrate the words
- practice printing first and last name using upper and lower case letters

April 22: Earth Day



April 26, 28 & May 5:
In-Class Drama Workshops

April 29:
Parent Read Day @ 1:50-
2:20pm

Don't forget!



Students are reminded to bring in their signed Report Card Envelopes as well as their completed Homework Calendar for the month of March. Keep up the good work!



Website:

www.starfall.com

This website is wonderful for phonics and it also has a math section to it.

Earth Day



In addition to making a craft and further exploring the three Rs, we will also talk about what we can do at home to help our planet. Stay tuned for details on how we will celebrate EARTH DAY!

April Theme:

Earth Day, Spring and Animals

We have changed seasons! As spring arrives, we will talk about changes in the weather and our clothing, as well as in nature (flowers, trees, insects, animals). Then in science, we will be learning about a variety of animals and what they need to survive. We will also have crafts and stories related to Earth Day. This month will be a lot of fun and busy as usual!

Earth Day Show and Tell

Just a reminder that our April show and tell begins on Monday April 4th. Please see the description and schedule in the March newsletter to know when it is your child's day. In addition to our Spring into Reading show and tell we will be celebrating Earth Day by having a special round of show and tell during the week of April 18th - 22nd. We are asking each student to bring in a creation made from recycled materials. We really encourage the kids to use their imagination to reuse everyday items to create a work of art, a toy, or something to be used in your house or garden. Please help your child describe what they made, how they made it, and what they plan to do with their item, to share with the class. Most importantly, have fun. We look forward to seeing your child's creation on their scheduled day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school: 250-870-5136, before or after school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Valiant

Go Glenmore Grizzlies!

