



# Lest We Forget



Mrs. Valiant's Class

November 2015

## Important dates to remember



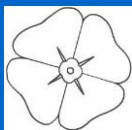
## November Birthdays



November 3: Photo Retakes  
Don't Forget!

November 10: Remembrance  
Day Assembly

November 11: Remembrance  
Day Recognized (no classes)



November 25: Early Dismissal  
@ 12:15

## Classroom Update

Happy November!!! Now that Halloween is over and all the children are recovering from sugar highs, we can begin a new month. We were busy in October and will continue to be busy in November! In the next couple of weeks, I will be assessing each student with the Phonological Awareness screener. This screener gives me more insight into what each individual student's strengths and areas of development are in regards to rhyming, letter sounds and word knowledge (pre-reading skills). I will contact you about the results of the screener only if there are concerns. However, if you would like to know your child's overall results please call or see me before or after school.

## Davison Orchards Field Trip

Our first field trip was a great success! The students learned a lot about apples and pumpkins. The students also had so much fun exploring the pumpkin patch, the play structures and seeing the variety of animals. They were tired as we returned back to the school. Thank you to all the parents who helped out; we could not have done it without you! For some of us, this was our first time on a school bus! I am very proud of our students as everyone had a great time and was very well behaved. I hope everyone enjoyed carving the pumpkins we got to take home!

## Halloween Candy

I know that the students are excited about all the candy they received from Trick or Treating however, I ask that they **do not** bring candy in their snack/lunches. I really appreciate this as less sugar throughout the day will help their overall learning.



Students are reminded to bring in their completed Homework Calendar for the month of October. Keep up the good work!



**Go Glenmore Grizzlies!**

## Remembrance Day Assembly

This is a formal and solemn assembly. We will discuss expected behaviors for this occasion in class prior to that assembly. However, the Staff would greatly appreciate if you could review these at home as well with your child, so that he/she will arrive prepared to attend and behave appropriately.



## November Theme:

**Colors, Shapes, Letters and Numbers**



We are finishing up our apples and fall theme and starting our color/shape theme. We will learn new poems and have a variety of "color days" dedicated to ten of the colors. Beginning Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, students will be asked to wear a specific color to go along with our theme. The color days for this month will be:

- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>: Orange
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: Red
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: Yellow
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: Green
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: Blue
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Purple
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: Pink
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: Brown
- Nov. 20<sup>st</sup>: Black/White

In Math, we will keep working with patterns and numbers. Along with our calendar-related activities (number recognition, predicting what comes next, counting forwards and backwards, skip counting, associating numbers with quantities), we will also be doing some graphing, estimating, and continuing to practice printing our numbers to 5.

Letters will be another focus for the students this month. We will be learning a letter a day (or every few days), working on recognition, what begins with the particular letter and the sound. I will also be introducing the students to the "Handwriting Without Tears" program. The students are going to learn little songs as well to help remember the letters. Please ask your child to share those songs with you!

Please do not forget about the new Show & Tell beginning Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Home Assistance

What can you do at home to assist your child in his/ her first year of school?

- 1) Help your child to print his / her first name using an initial capital letter, followed by lower case letters. E.g. James.
- 2) Practice tying shoe laces and getting their coats on and zipped up on their own. Come winter time, when everyone has boots and snow gear those skills will save us a lot of time.
- 3) Look through the library books your child chooses from school. Have him/ her tell you about the colours and numbers of objects, or tell a story using the pictures as clues.
- 4) Continue to read daily with and to your child and practice math skills such as counting.

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## A Few House-Keeping Items:

- In order for parents to help/volunteer in the classroom or on field trips, please remember to stop by the office to initiate a criminal record check. The new policy is that this Criminal Record Check has to be fully completed (sent by the office and returned to GME cleared by the RCMP) **before** you can help in class or take part in field trips.
- Home Bags will only be sent home on Wednesdays and Fridays unless there are time sensitive notices etc... Don't forget to check out our class website for monthly newsletters, class schedules, show and tell and special dates. The website can be accessed under staff directory on our school website.
- I have also sent the November Homework Calendar. If your child is partaking in the homework challenge, please check off each day and have him/her return it to school the first week of the following month (please put name on the calendar). Children that bring back their checked off homework calendars will get a treat from the treasure chest!

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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

