



February News

St. Leo School- Mrs. Walden - Grade 1/2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Tuesday, February 12th is the 100th Day of School! Our class however, will be starting the festivities on Monday, February 11th, as I am away at an inservice on Tuesday. On Monday, our class will be participating in a variety of activities centered around the theme 100!



***Home Connection for the 100th Day**

You can celebrate with your child at home, by working with them to collect and count 100 items including macaroni, paper clips, marshmallows, coins, beads, toothpicks, dried beans, lego etc. Instruct them to count by ones to make 10 piles of 10 items. Then, have them count by tens as they put them in a container or create a necklace. If your child has a collection they would like to share of their favourite 100 things, they are welcome to bring it in on that day.

On Thursday, February 14th, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Students are welcome to bring in Valentine's greetings and nut free treats to share with the class. I have also attached a class list for those students wishing to send out Valentine's Day cards.

Curriculum Schedule for the Month of February

Language

In language we will be continuing our work on retelling important events of a story, both orally and in written form. In our daily word work, we will be focusing on reviewing contractions and homonyms as well as looking at r-controlled vowels (ar, er, ur, ir, or). In writing, we will continue to focus on adding relevant details to our daily writing. The grade 2

students will continue to use the 5 w's (Who, What, Where, When, Why) to add relevant detail to their written work and to work on editing using the Writer's Workshop Checklist. We will also continue to work on Procedural Writing.

Our Reading Strategy for this month is **Determining Important Ideas**. This involves looking at the main message that the author is trying to convey. Our Writing focus for this month is **Word Choice**. This involves teaching the students different ways to "jazz up" their writing using juicy, descriptive vocabulary.

Math

In Math, we are finishing up our unit on Data Management. Our next unit will be continued practice with addition and subtraction. Please continue to review the Canadian coins and their values with your child for our upcoming unit on money.

Science/Social Studies

This month, we will be starting our next Science units: Materials, Objects and Everyday Structures (Grade 1) Movement and Simple Machines (Grade 2). In grade 1, we will be exploring different objects and the materials they are made of. We will also be looking at structures that are man-made and those made in nature. In grade 2, we will be exploring different ways objects move as well as a variety of simple machine that assist in making work easier.

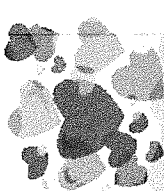
Religion/Family Life

In Religion and Family Life, we will be learning about the family unit and how a family is created. We will also be learning about the significance of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. The grade 2's will be continuing to learn about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Special Reminders:

- Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather and that all winter wear is properly labelled.
- Happy Birthday to Spencer (Feb. 9th) and Owen (Feb. 28th)
- Report cards go home February 8th. Please sign and return the bottom portion of the report card in the white envelope.

Partners in Education,
Mrs. Walden









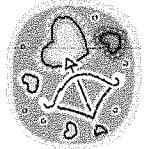



Our Classroom Calendar for...

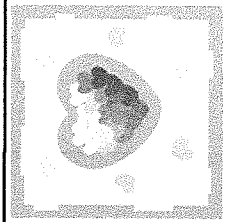
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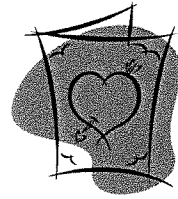
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 					1 Day 4 -Swiss Chalet	2 
3 	4 Day 5	5 Day 1 -Pizza Day	6 Day 2 Ash Wednesday -Library -Gym	7 Day 3 -Subway	8 Day 4 -Report cards go home -Gym	9 
10 	11 Day 5 Our Class celebrates 100th Day!	12 Day 1 -Mrs. Walden at Inservice -100th Day of School -Pizza Day	13 Day 2 -Library -Gym	14 Day 3 Valentine's Day -La Bottega	15 Day 4 -Swiss Chalet -Gym	16 
17 	18 Family Day *No School	19 Day 5 -Pizza Day	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 -Subway -Library -Gym	22 Day 3	23 
24 	25 Day 4 -Gym	26 Day 5 -Pizza Day	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 -La Bottega -Library -Gym	 Celebrate Good Friends!	



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Special Reminders:
 Feb. 6th - Ash Wednesday
 Feb. 8th - Report Cards go home
 Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day
 Feb. 18th - Family Day
 Feb. 28th - Gr. 2's Return Homework Calendar

Upcoming Events:
 Feb. 11th - Our class is celebrating the 100th Day of School!



"Be Mine Valentine" Student List

Grade 1 Students:

Greyson
Colton
Gavin C.
Nathan
Kharter
Stefan
Carter
Devin
Cameron
Gavin S.
Travis
Owen
Mila
Olivia
Maisy

Grade 2 Students:

Sophia
Spencer
Kylie
Brooklyn
Bryce
Anberlin
Lukas
Kinsleigh
Brodie