



November 2018

kindergarten news

Brrrrr! It's winter coat weather! Students are not inside at recess unless it is raining and are having trouble understanding what is the right outer wear when it comes

to recess. The wind adds an extra chill and we know colds and sickness are going around. Please also send a pair of mittens that your child can put on independently and a hat for outdoor time.

In addition to recess times, we also have outdoor learning times in Kindergarten so keep in mind once snow hits, we will likely use more than one pair of mittens and socks in a day.

Please **LABEL** all indoor and outdoor clothing so we can help find a home for them.

If you haven't checked, you can see photos of things we are doing in class on **TWITTER**. You can find me **@mrs_v_gedsb**. I post pictures of activities we do.

School Website: www.granderie.ca/schools/thompsoncreek/news the school website is up and going. There will be a monthly school calendar on the website for you.

Language/ Math:

Our weekly small group centres include literacy, numeracy and sometimes crafty activities to help support learning of concepts we are working on throughout the year. Each child visits each activity every week. Next week this schedule will begin to include small guided reading groups with the teacher to find out where they are at and what reading level they are ready for.

With beginning learners, we will be looking at basic concepts of print. We encourage you to read with your child each night and in this time talk about the book and title, pointing to words and letters as well as using your reading finger to "jump" over the spaces to the next word. Can your child point to the words while you read if they are not ready to read independently? Help them try it. Ask them to count how many words are in the sentence and talk about punctuation at the end and what it means. Use the pictures as clues to figure out tricky words. All of this helps with reading readiness. We have been focusing on the numbers 1-10 a lot as well. Using dominoes, 10 frames or 5 frames are great ways to help your child recognize numbers without having to count. This is called subitizing.

KLLIC: Our next KLLIC cycle story is "Owen" by Kevin Henke. Ask your child what Owen's problem was and how they solved it. This cycle also will focus on compound words. Ask your child if they know what compound words are and to show you how to use their fingers as talking sticks. Remember SK students will bring home a newsletter and "shortened" version of the story to help support this at home. These are for you to keep.

Library Books: Please help care for and be responsible for it. If it's returned, another book can be signed out. **Please send them back at least once a week.**

Dates to remember:

- ✓ Thurs. Nov. 2- Photo orders are due.
- ✓ Tues. Nov. 7- Pizza Day
- ✓ Wed. Nov. 8- Book Orders due- Remember to circle the Ontario cost (pink column)
- ✓ Thurs. Nov. 9- Picture Retake Day
- ✓ Fri. Nov. 10- Remembrance Day assembly
- ✓ Mon. Nov. 13- Fri. Nov. 17- School Book Fair in the Library. Volunteers needed!
- ✓ Mon. Nov. 13- Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations comes home
- ✓ Tues. Nov. 14- Sub day
- ✓ Thurs. Nov. 16- Leader of the Pack assembly (10:15ish, kindergartens will be there)
- ✓ Thurs. Nov. 16- Parent/ Staff Interviews after school
- ✓ Fri. Nov. 17- Parent/Staff Interviews (morning)
- ✓ Fri. Nov. 17- PA Day- no school for students.



KINDERGARTEN REPORTS & INTERVIEWS:

The kindergarten report is not a report in the same way as other grades. It's called the Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations and is written to inform you as a parent of your child's most significant learning at this point in the program. It is one form of communication between school and home. In the past the November Communication of Learning has been followed or accompanied by parent observations in the classroom. This year the school board has changed this format and has removed the observations from the program and instead given parents the opportunity to schedule an interview with the kindergarten learning team on the evening of Thursday Nov. 16 or morning of Friday Nov. 17 (Next PA Day) as the grades 1-8 students do. You will get the Kindergarten Communication of Learning on Mon. Nov. 13 when the other grades get their reports. There will be some form of communication ahead of the interviews to see if you are interested in an interview, and if so which date works for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call, write in the agenda or send a REMIND message, we will get back to you as soon as possible!

Your Kindergarten Learning Team!

