

Grade 4 Newsletter- Blueberry School

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A Message from the Student Teachers

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to participate in your child's education. The students that we have had the pleasure to work with have been helping us learn and grow as teachers and we look forward to the next three weeks that we will be spending with them. In our final weeks, we would like to continue to create engaging lessons where the students are enjoying their learning experiences. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through Mrs. Newby (4A) or Mr. Schellenberg (4B).

Ms. St. Amand (4A) and Ms. Dunstall (4B)

Science

In science we have begun the 'Light and Shadows' unit. The students will be exploring the different properties of light. Students will have the opportunity to participate in numerous experiments. Through these explorations, students are learning about what kind of objects are transparent, translucent and opaque, as well as how the position of the sun affects their shadow. In addition to this, we have learned about the differences between natural and artificial light. We look forward to learning about reflection and refraction and the light spectrum. We are impressed how well the classes work together.



Math

In math we started the measurement unit. The students are currently working with manipulative analog clocks to have a better understanding of how clocks work. This includes, telling time to the quarter-hour, to the nearest minute, and how to read a twenty-four hour clock. We will soon be moving on to learning the area of a given space. We continue to do basic multiplication facts in math and we encourage students to keep practicing these at home. Problem solving is also a continuous learning activity. We continue to see growth in the quality of work in the problem solving booklets.



Language Arts

In language arts we have been wrapping up our Global Read Aloud for the book *Fish in a Tree*. Recently, we got the amazing opportunity to do a Google hangout with a class from Dripping Springs, Texas. Mrs. Newby and Mr. Schellenberg organized a game of Heads Up with a deck made by the students in relation to the novel. In addition, we learned about their town and school. The students from Dripping Springs could not believe that we had snow on the ground! Following this, we ate popcorn and watched the author read the final chapter of the book. Then the author answered many questions from fans around the world. This was a real treat for the students. What a great way to integrate technology into the classroom! We look forward to learning more about the Daily Five program that we will be beginning shortly.

Social Studies

In social studies the grade fours have been learning all about the different regions in Alberta. To finish off the unit they are currently working in groups to research, then present, one of these regions. The students are very excited to be using Google Slides for these presentations and the work they have completed is impressive. We look forward to seeing each group present their project to us!



Physical Education

In PE we have been working on a dance unit. To finish up the unit the students will be creating their own dance using some of the moves we learned in class. Some of the dances that we have learned during this unit were; Cadillac Ranch, Cha-Cha Slide, Uptown Funk, Watch me Whip, and Moves Like Jagger.



Dates to Remember

- Thursday, December 10th – Christmas Concert
- Tuesday, December 15th – Last day for student teachers
- Friday, December 18th – Last day of classes

