


March 2019 E.C.S. Newsletter



February, was a surprisingly cold month with a record number of days with no bussing. During February, we learned more about the alphabet and letter sounds for the letters F, U and E. In early numeracy, we played a Roll over 5 game to benchmark 5, we learned about objects that are heavier, lighter or weigh about the same and we learned how to use a balance scale. Our themes for March will be Creepy Crawlers and St. Patrick's Day. On March 14th it is early dismissal and our Little Ladybug field trip to the Muttart Conservatory! Some dates to remember: Teachers Convention is March 7-8 and Spring Break for all students is from March 22-March 31 with classes resuming April 1st.

100 day is coming! On March 4/5 we will celebrate the 100th day of kindergarten. As part of our celebrations, we will be counting to 100 several ways. **On 100 day please send in 100 items (small loose objects that we can move to count - not glued or stuck down).** Please help your child gather items by making 10 sets of 10 items and then counting each set by 10 to reach 100, or count each set of 10 to check there are 10 sets of 10 objects. Then put all 100 items in a bag or container to bring to school so we can count them and show them off at school. Examples of items that have been brought in past years: small erasers, popcorn kernels, coins, paper clips, sunflower seeds, crayons. (In the past years, we have found that items such as marbles or small balls are hard to count as they keep rolling away, so please avoid sending items that roll). **Keep in mind the students will be sharing our tables to count/display their items** so please make sure the 100 items **are small enough** to be counted **in your child's table space**. Your child should bring their items to school in a bag or container labelled with your child's name on March 4/5. Be creative and have fun counting together at home! Your child's 100 items will be sent back home at the end of the day.

Read-In is also coming to Hay Lakes School. The Tuesday/Thursday class is invited to join the Monday-Wednesday class all day on March 6 for Pajama Day and Read-In. Your child is welcome to bring a small blanket and a stuffie. In the afternoon, readers from the community and school come to our class and read their favourite books to us. Juice and cookies are part of the fun at afternoon snack time. Tuesday/Thursday parents please let your bus driver know if your child **won't** be joining us for the day, as I will be letting them know to pick up your child.

Home Reading Program: Please feel free to e-mail, write me a note or talk to me if you have any questions about the kindergarten home reading program or you wish your child to have more books sent home. Remember, you are welcome and encouraged to read books from home and the library in addition to the books your child brings home from class. You may record books your child reads to you **and** books you (or other reader such as babysitter or older sibling) read to your child on the blue recording sheet. Don't forget to send the plastic home reading bag to school **every day**. Each time your child completes a reading sheet, they have the opportunity to select a prize from the prize box. We will celebrate all students' reading at the end of kindergarten.

Our next ECS meeting is on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library

As always, please contact me if you have any questions about your child's progress in kindergarten.

Mrs. Wrubleski☺