


November 2018 E.C.S. Newsletter



We are continuing to practice holding our pencils correctly and printing our names starting with a capital letter (and the rest lowercase letters). We have now started learning about letters and letter sounds. Your child should be bringing home (and back to school) his/her red Sound Friend Book daily. In early numeracy, we started exploring amounts that are more, fewer and the same. We really enjoyed the *Animal Fun* physical literacy program from Alberta Health Services. Ask your child to show you how to walk like a bear, crawl like a crocodile, slide on a branch like a cockatoo or fly like an eagle (and many more animals). They can also show how you to be a pencil pine tree or a gum tree.

Our themes for November will be Healthy Habits, Seasons and Bears. Remember there is **no kindergarten** on Friday, **November 1** as Mrs. W. is attending the Early Child Education Conference. We will be going on our second field trip to the John Janzen Nature Centre on Friday, November 9th to find out about *Clever Creatures*. Please note, there is **no school November 12-13** with the BRSD scheduled days off.

At our last ECS meeting, parents in attendance approved a motion to align our reporting with BRSD and use Kindergarten ***Early Years Evaluation (EYE)*** reports for the first reporting period. EYE reports will be sent home on November 15 & 16, 2018. If you wish to discuss your child's EYE report, please contact me to schedule a time or we can discuss your child's progress when you are parent of the day!

We will have the opportunity to visit the Hay Lakes School Book Fair at the school library on November 8/14 as a class. Look for Scholastic Book Fair information coming home soon. You can visit the Book Fair with your

child on your own if you wish too! Shopping at the Book Fair supports the Hay Lakes School Library. You are welcome to send money and note for your child to make a purchase from the book fair.

We will be having a special **teddy bear day** in November. Everyone has the chance to bring a bear (or other stuffed animal) to kindergarten so they can enjoy school too. We will be doing many activities throughout "teddy bear day" with our bears. Hopefully, everyone will feel comfortable leaving their bears at school for a special sleepover **prior** to teddy bear day. Send bears/stuffed animals to school on Tuesday/Wednesday November 20/21 for the sleepover, with Teddy Bear Day being the following class day Thursday/Friday November 22/23.

With the colder weather, students should have snow boots, a winter jacket, snow pants, a toque or hood and mittens. Please label these items if possible. This makes it so much easier to return them if they are misplaced. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We want to have fun and be warm and dry at recess. At the end of the school day, when it is cold or windy outside, bus students will be wearing their snow pants and outer wear for their ride home on the bus. This is for their safety and well-being in the (rare) instance the bus breaks down or gets stuck.

Also, a quick reminder: parents, when it is snowy or wet outside, please take off your outside shoes at the boot room if you come down to the kindergarten room. All elementary students remove their outside shoes and walk down to their classrooms in socks when they come in from outside and also walk in the hallway in their socks at the end of the day. We want their socks to be dry and clean when the students put their shoes on. If you don't remove your outdoor footwear, you may inadvertently track water or snow and mud or dirt down the hallway.

We are doing another fundraiser! Miranda Odland has set up a Poinsettia, Wreath and Holiday Planter fundraiser through Growing Smiles. The poinsettias are huge and the planters and wreaths are

amazing! Order Forms will be distributed to Hay Lakes ECS families soon and are due November 19/20. Pick up will be at Bethan Walter's farm on December 7. Please contact Miranda Odland if you have any questions!

Please feel free to come see me or call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Mrs. Wrubleski ☺



Reminder: The ECS classroom is **peanut free** for the health and safety of students and parents in the school who have peanut allergies.