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## February 2020 E.C.S. Newsletter



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February is almost here! The Hay Lakes School semester break is on Friday, January 31. On February 12, our Valentines Party will be in the morning and it is the Hay Lakes School Read-In in the afternoon, with guest readers coming into the Kindergarten to grade 6 classrooms to read their favourite stories. There is no school Feb 13, 14 & 17 so your family can enjoy an extra-long Family Day weekend. We have a field trip to the Telus World of Science coming up on February 20.

In January, we learned the gestures and sounds for the alphabet letters N, I and H. Using our knowledge of kindergarten star (sight) words, recognizing our reading friends' names and using the letter sounds that we have learned to date (and by looking at the pictures), we have been working hard in class to read the words and sentences in our blue Reading Friend Book. In early literacy we finished learning our star words. We also learned about conventions: Capital letters are found at the start of sentences (and our names) and periods (or exclamation marks or question marks) are at the end of sentences. You can have your child "notice" conventions when reading with them!

Our kindergarten home reading program has begun! Please send your child's plastic home reading bag to school every day even if you haven't read the book yet. Included your child's home reading bag is information on how the kindergarten home reading program works and tips to assist you in helping your child to become a reader! Even the smallest amount of interest and your time can make a big difference in your child's success in reading. Learning to read is an exciting achievement for your child! Have fun enjoying books together!

Our themes for February will be Friendship and Dinosaurs. As part of language learning and our unit on friendship, we will be exchanging

Valentines during our class Valentine's party on Feb 12. Valentines can be home-made or purchased. Encourage your child to print their classmates' names on their Valentines. I will be sending home a list of student names for your child to copy. If you wish to include small treats with your child's Valentines, that would be fine, but do not feel obligated to include treats. Our Valentines party will be in the morning with party snack food at about 10:15 a.m. We will be doing a Valentine's craft, playing games and exchanging Valentines in the classroom. Parents are welcome to attend the Valentine's Party!

Kindergarten Progress Reports will be sent home in March. As always, feel free to come see me or call me anytime if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Mrs. Wrubleski