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## February 2018 E.C.S. Newsletter



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February has arrived and we will be combining the kindergarten classes! Starting February 1<sup>st</sup> (remember - there is no school on January 31<sup>st</sup>), all students will attend kindergarten Tuesdays, Thursdays and scheduled Wednesdays from now to June! Our first combined class with all students attending is Thursday, February 1 which is an early dismissal day. Starting in February, library days will be on Thursdays unless we are on a field trip. February is going to be a fun month with a field trip to the Telus World of Science and Valentine's Day activities including skating with our grade 3 buddies (weather permitting).

In January, we learned more about the alphabet with the gestures and sounds for the letters I H and B. Using our knowledge of letter sounds that we have learned to date (and looking at the pictures), we have been working hard to read the words and sentences in our blue Reading Friend Book. We also learned and practiced more kindergarten star words (also called sight words). Our kindergarten star words include the 12 words that make up approximately 25 percent of all reading: *a, and, he, I, in, is, it, of, that, the, to, was*. When reading at home with your child, you can play "notice the star words" and have your child identify them or you can point them out to your child. In math, we learned more about 3-D objects (balls, cans, cones and boxes). We sorted 3-D shapes by one attribute into 2 groups. For example we sorted objects into one group for objects shaped like a ball and one group of objects that are not shaped like a ball (cones, boxes, cans), next we sorted into one group for objects that roll and one group for objects that do not roll. We also started to describe, and represent sets of objects to 5.

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

be exchanging Valentines during our class Valentine's party on Feb 13. 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 candies with your child's Valentines, that would be fine, but do not feel obligated. In the morning, we will be doing a Valentine's craft, playing games and exchanging Valentines in the classroom. In the afternoon, we will eat our party food and then walk over to the skating rink to have another skating time with our grade 3 buddies (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to attend the Valentine's Party. Parents will also be needed to help tie skates and assist on the ice.

Our kindergarten home reading program has begun! Please send the plastic home reading bag to school every day even if you haven't read the book yet. In your child's home reading bag is information on how our reading program works and tips to assist you in helping your child to become a reader! Even the smallest amount of 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 with reading!

Kindergarten Progress Reports will be sent home in early 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