


March 2020
E.C.S. Newsletter



Wow February has gone by quickly. In February, we learned more about the alphabet and letter sounds for the letters B R and F. In early numeracy, we played a Roll over 5 game to benchmark 5; we also learned how to use a balance scale and we learned about objects that are heavier, lighter or weigh about the same - they balance the scale. Read-In afternoon was a wonderful experience with fabulous readers reading their favourite stories for the students who were in attendance.

Starting in March, all kindergarten students attend Tuesday, Thursday and scheduled Wednesdays with some occasional exceptions. There will be two students of the day and two parents of the day from March to June. **Please note there is now kindergarten scheduled on March 18** (a difference from our yearly calendar), as one class exceeded the extra scheduled "snow days." **Exciting News:** We have a new student who will be joining our class soon. Her name is Emelina. Our themes for March will be Creepy Crawlers and St. Patrick's Day. Spring Break for all students is from March 23-March 27 with classes resuming for kindergarten on March 31.

100 day is coming! On March 18 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 on our tables - **not** glued, stuck down or on an abacus). 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 18. 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.

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. Feel free to record each chapter of a chapter book as a separate book. 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 Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Report cards will be sent home on March 12. As always, please contact me if you have any questions about your child's progress in kindergarten.

Mrs. Wrubleski☺