

Dear Parents,

The grade ones are celebrating 100 days of school on February 8th, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The children will be involved in many fun learning activities, while they celebrate the fact that they have been in school for 100 days. **I am looking for parent helpers to help run centers for this special day.** Please let me know if you are available to come and help out in the morning, afternoon or all day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Each child is asked to bring in a collection of 100 things to display in the hallway. For example: your child could make a picture using 100 stickers, a collection of 100 sea shells, a collection of 100 hockey cards, something made with 100 popsicle sticks, etc. All the collections will be displayed in the hallway. Please bring in displays on or before February 7th.

February 9th and 10th – no school Teacher's Convention

February 14th – Wear red or pink Day/ Valentine's Day party
See the separate note for the Valentine list. The children will be doing centers in the morning, handing out and looking at their Valentine cards in the afternoon, watching a Valentine video and having some special snacks.

Each child will need to bring their regular lunch on that day as well as an extra drink for the afternoon party. The following

children will be bringing food for the afternoon party: Ella (an assortment of cheese slices), Gavin (2 boxes of crackers – an assortment), Gillian (assortment of vegetables and dip), Matheo (dessert – cupcakes or cookies), Tyson (yogurt tubes or fresh fruit platter), and Declan (2 big bags of potato chips or cheezies). Please note if you are bringing food for the party, make sure there is enough to serve 24 children, is ready to serve, and is brought to school in the morning. If you can not bring the food that is requested, please let me know and different arrangements will be made. Every child will be asked to bring some party food through the school year.

February 20th – No school (Family Day). Enjoy your time with your family!

February 21st – Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day. The children will be treated to a pancake breakfast with syrup. The school will be looking for parents to help cook pancakes in the morning before school starts. Stay tuned more information to follow.

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Celebration (time of celebration to be announced)

February 24th – “Crazy” Hat Day and pizza luncheon (this was a prize that we won). The children will need their regular healthy morning snack/afternoon snack and a drink. A couple of slices of pizza will be provided for lunch. There will be two kinds of

pizza: cheese and ham/pineapple. If your child does not like that kind of pizza, please send a regular lunch.

February 29th and Friday, March 2nd – Talent Show

A big thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who came to tie/untie skates and encourage our skaters! The children sure enjoyed being out on the rink.

The children had a lot of fun and used their imaginations to build a zoo animal and a home for it. A great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our project!

We have begun learning about the long vowel sounds. Our spelling words will reflect this learning for the following three weeks. I have added three sight words to the spelling list, which can't usually be sounded out and sometimes are "jail" words (because they don't follow the rules). Please help your child practice these words.

No spelling test on February 10th as there is no school on this day.

Spelling test (February 17th) – bake, cake, lake, make, rake, shake, fake, Jake, wake, quake, could, fly and going

Spelling test (February 24th) – bail, Dail, fail, Gail, Jail, mail, nail, pail, sail, tail, were, some and under.

Some parents have asked me where their child should be at for their home reading books. This is the middle of the school year and so your child should be somewhere between level 9 to 12 (to be at grade level). Please remember to listen to your child read every day.

Some children have asked me if they could bring their own books from home for our daily 15 minutes of quiet reading. The answer is “yes”... as long as it is a book that they can read on their own (for the most part).

We welcome two students from STA that will be coming in every second day (for about an hour) to help our grade ones. Welcome Jordie! Welcome back Chelsea!

Show and Share Schedule for February:

Tuesday (February 7th) – Ella, Amber, Gavin and Devrin

Wednesday (February 15th) – Gillian, Alyshia, Mattheo and Tyson

Thursday (February 16th) – Gabby, Isabelle, Daniel and Rebecca

Tuesday (February 21st) – Gage, Hayden, Kate and Michelle

Friday (February 24th) – Megan, Connor, Erika and AJ

Tuesday (February 28th) – Chazz, Trinity, Declan and Jackson

Our class will soon be practicing for the Spring concert. We will be doing the reader's theatre – The Very Hungry Caterpillar and a creative dance to a butterfly song. I am looking for a caterpillar and butterfly costume to use for the upcoming Spring concert, please let me know if you have one that we could borrow. I will also be looking for parents to help make costumes for our play and dance.

Thanking you all in advance, for your continued help and support.

Yours in Education,

Ms. Gloria Sereda

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