



Centennial School



November 2022



October has been a wonderful month at Centennial School. The weather has been beautiful and we have settled into a nice routine of working together to learn new things.

As always, Halloween is a special day for the students. A highlight every year is seeing our younger students parade their costumes throughout the school. Their costumes and excitement make this day memorable. As November begins, students are well into the curriculum and have an understanding of the expectations in each class. Literacy & Numeracy continue to be the core focus for teachers and student learning. In addition, we continue to work on organizational skills and other executive functions to enhance lifelong learning .

With cooler weather on the horizon, we would like to remind all parents to please dress their children for the weather. Students will be outside for lunch recess and afternoon recess each day unless the mercury falls below - 20 degrees celsius. For students in the younger grades it would be beneficial to have an extra change of clothes that they can keep at school. Extra socks, toques and mitts that are kept in the locker are also recommended for the younger students.

November also brings with it the start of the cold/flu season. We are asking when your child has a cold, fever, or illness that you please use your best judgment. At times, the best course of action for your child, other students and their teachers, is to keep them home.

We are currently finalizing parent teacher interviews and report cards for students.

Interviews will occur Nov. 2 from 4:30- 6:30 pm. Quarter one report cards will be finalized and available for viewing on Friday Nov.4. The interviews, along with the quarter one report provides parents with information regarding student progress, curriculum expectations and suggestions for parents regarding skill development. Please attend if at all possible as student success depends upon this family school partnership.

As always, please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions for myself or your child's teacher .

D.DeMone, Principal





Research has shown that reading skills have the biggest impact on a student's success in their academic and work life. Working with your child to improve their reading is the best way to help your child at school.

**Jane Gusdal
Inclusion Coach**

IDEAS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE SKILLS



USE WORDS IN CONTEXT

When introducing a new word, try using sight, sounds, smells, taste, and touch! Showing a YouTube video of a panda and feeling a furry blanket will help children understand "panda" more than describing it with words. Be sure to practice these new words so they stick!



READ TO CHILDREN DAILY

Reading is one of the best ways to introduce children to language in an engaging way. Head to your library and let your child pick out some books to read together! Take time to explain any new words. **BONUS:** Ask questions and talk about the book with one another!



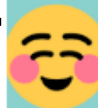
GO ON ADVENTURES

A trip to the park or the museum offers a ton of opportunities to learn new words that you might not encounter at home! New plants, animals, objects, and experiences can enrich brain development and inspire creative thinking.



HAVE CONVERSATIONS

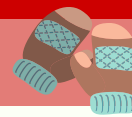
Back-and-forth conversations give children a chance to practice their language, even if they're just babbling! Ask open-ended questions, listen to what they are saying and respond to it, and use these opportunities to introduce new words, phrases, and ideas!



BE EXPRESSIVE!

Many words have emotions tied to them. By showing excitement and a smile when using the word "joyful," or looking sad when using the word "disappointment," for example, you can help children understand the word's meaning using emotions.





Tansi/Hello,

The spirit of reconciliation is moving through out the Centennial School. One of the stories I shared with the students was from the book "Sweetest Kulu". The story of all the many gifts that Kulu was given the day he/she was born. Each animal, bird, fish, wind and all the elements came bearing gifts that lived up north. The gifts were love, respect, courage, humility, wisdom, honesty and truth. I shared with them that where we live you were given gifts as well when you were born. The seven teachings were given to you as well so you will grow strong and make good choices to live a great life. Those teachings are from the Buffalo-Respect, Wolf-Humility, Beaver-Wisdom, Turtle-Truth, Sabe-Honesty and the Eagle-Love. All these teachings are with you and all around you.

Remind your children about these teachings and help them make good choices. Remember as well to pay attention to our words in English or Cree that they have a spirit, create positive voices.

**Nanaskomo tahto-kisikaw
Everyday is a gift**

**Ayhiy/Thank you
Gloria Rogers-Buffalo**





November Important Dates

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 PD Day - No School	2 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:30 pm	3 School Bus Safety Program - Gr ECS, 1, 3, 5	4 Health Unit in for Grade 6 shots Quarter One Report Cards Ready For Viewing Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am	5
6	7 Fall Break - No School	8 Fall Break - No School	9 Fall Break - No School	10 Fall Break - No School	11 Fall Break - No School Remembrance Day Holiday	12
13	14	15 Picture Retake Day	16	17 Crazy Hair Day Student Assembly Parents Welcome 2:00 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

