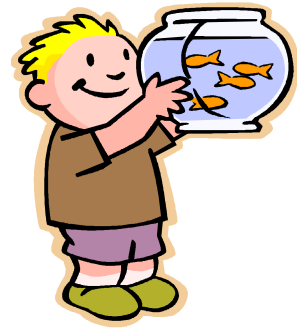




February Kindergarten News



Dear Parents,

This month we will be studying pets! The children will learn how to look after animals as good stewards of their pets. They will be investigating a variety of pets, studying their appearances, behavior, similarities and differences and they will record their observations on a chart. They will learn the needs of pets and how to care for them.

As part of our “Pets” theme, I will have a schedule for the students to bring their pets to school. Students are welcome to bring their pets in on their Special Day as their Show and Tell. The pet owner will bring appropriate items used in the care of his/her pet and give a short presentation to the class. For example, “Things I know about my pet.....” Please come in and sign up your child and his/her pet. If allergies are a concern please come and see me. We will have several pets visiting us weekly so students can experience what is involved in caring for a variety of animals. Parents will need to come with the pets. I am relatively flexible with the time, so as to make it easier on the parents. Please let me know beforehand, so that we can be prepared.

In Maths this month we will be continuing to develop number skills, patterning, counting, and we will use a number of fun materials while practicing our basic adding and subtracting skills.

Language Arts has become very exciting, as many of the students have learned most of the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. This has provided the students with the skills required to begin sounding out and recognizing words. It has been very rewarding to see their faces light up! I would encourage all parents to join us during the Education/Book week for an evening meeting when we will explain how reading is taught, and how you can best support your child at home, no matter what stage they are at.

Dates to remember...

February 7 th – 8 th	Midterm Break
February 14 th	Valentines Day
February 22 nd	Bike-A-Thon
February 28 th – Mar. 4 th	Education/Book Week
March 2 nd	Reading Meeting Night

Have a wonderful month - we certainly plan to!

Lara Hewko

***If you plan to send Valentines cards, please ensure you send one for each student - list attached.

Kindergarten Class Valentines list:

Abigail Ohliger
Charlie Williams
Emilie Joly
Hani Girvan
Julia Rose Neff
Liam Karam
Maria Bakkeness
Rahim Higgs
Sean Karam
Spencer Smith
Tia Olynyk (will not be on Island)