

November Newsletter

Fairvale Elementary School

Vision: FES students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in a global community.

October 30th 2014

Literacy Corner

Ends Policy #2

Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in literacy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick.

Tuning in to Interesting Words:

There has been considerable study over the past 80 years on the importance of vocabulary development in the early years. Not surprisingly a child's vocabulary knowledge has a direct impact on a child's ability to read with deep understanding. An effective strategy that is taught to help children expand their vocabulary is called "Tuning in to Interesting Words". In many classrooms you will see children collecting interesting word and adding them to their word collectors. You might also see teachers helping students "tune in" to interesting words when they are reading to the class. The teacher simply stops and makes a big deal about the word and then adds the word to the word collector chart in the classroom. The challenge then is for the children to try and use this word in their conversations or writing over the next few days. "Table Talk" is a simple activity you can do at home to help expand your child's vocabulary. Simply introduce an interesting word at the "supper table" each night. Talk about what it means and then use it in a sentence. Challenge your child to use this word in conversation over the next few days.

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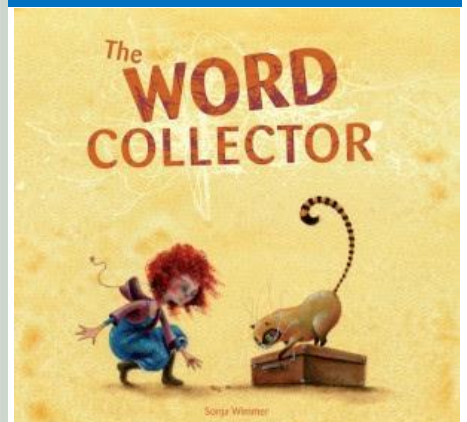
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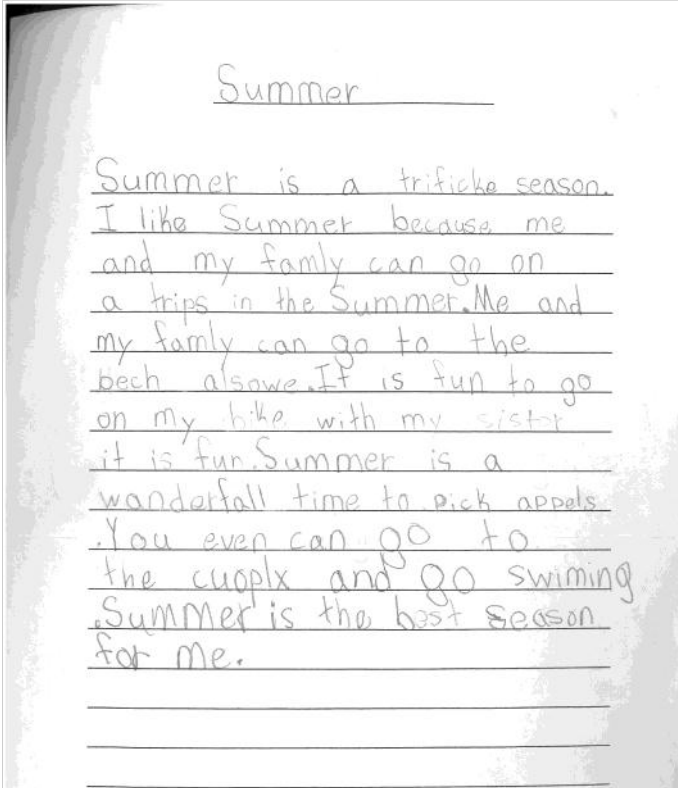
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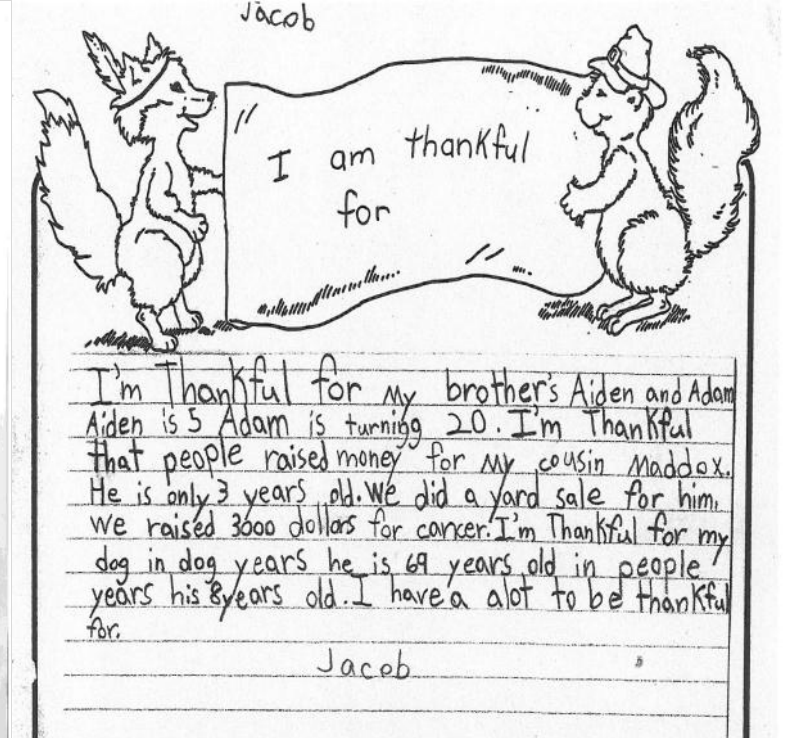
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Writing: Ideas

Ideas are the foundation of writing. Students begin their writing experience in Kindergarten, usually through recounting 1 thing they have done as their idea. As students develop as writers they will begin developing a main idea with many supporting details that will be descriptive and specific in nature. Check out some examples of student writing at F.E.S. and how they have developed their ideas!



By Jessica

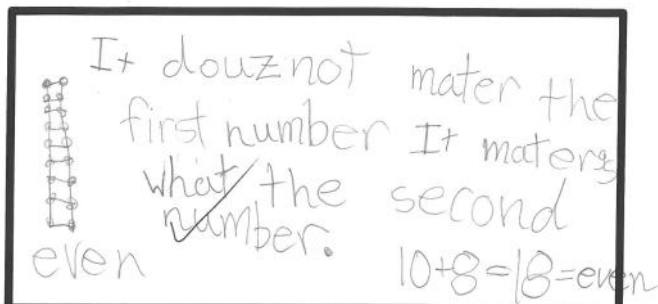


Math: Show your thinking

In math students practice showing their thinking, so that they can explain the strategy they are using to reach their answer.

3. Is 18 even or odd? even ✓

Use words or pictures to explain.



Joey Shin
 $5+7=$
 Je sais que $7+7=14$
 $7+7-2=12$
 Donc $5+7=12$.

Julia Higgins
 $8+9$
 Je sais que $8+8=16$
 $8+8+1=17$
 Donc $8+9=17$

LUC. Savoie
 $4+2=$
 Je sais que $4+4=8$
 $4+4-2=6$
 Donc $4+2=6$

Math Corner

(Ends Policy #3—Students at FES will demonstrate continuous improvement in numeracy skills, striving to meet or exceed the standards set by the Province of New Brunswick)

Problem Solving Strategy of the Month:

MAKE AN ORGANIZED LIST

Your brain is an organizer. When a problem involves many pieces of information, your brain will have an easier time sorting through it if you make an organized list. A list helps you be sure you have thought of all of the possibilities without repeating any of them. Like drawing a picture or making a diagram, making an organized list helps your brain "see" the problem clearly and find a solution. Try making an organized list to solve these problems:

K - 2	3 - 5	Challenge!
You have three pennies, two nickels and a dime. How many different amounts of money can you make?	If you must use 15 or fewer coins, how many different combinations of coins can be used to make \$1.00?	Tickets for the concert cost \$12 for adults or teenagers and \$6 for children. If the group has \$60, how many adults or teenagers and how many children could go?

A Note from the Music Room

We are just wrapping up our songs for fall and Halloween and jumping into Christmas. After Remembrance Day we kick it in to high gear preparing for our BIG Christmas concert. Our choir has been preparing for their Christmas concert since our first practice in September. Preparing for and performing are part of the music curriculum for all grades. It is one of my favorites because it combines all sorts of concepts and gives us a fun goal to work towards.

Concepts from the Curriculum that will be emphasized during November are:

- **Kindergarten:** label beat, high and low
- **Grade 2:** reinforce rhythms using tah (quarter notes), ti-ti (eighth note pairs), and quarter rest, and expressive singing, using unpitched instruments
- **Grade 3:** present dynamic markings (loud and soft), present tica-tica (set of four sixteenth notes), expressive singing
- **Grade 4:** Reinforce and practice rhythms from previous years, expressive singing,
- **Grade 5:** expressive singing, singing harmony/parts, learning about $\frac{3}{4}$ time signature

Sing-cerly,

Jennifer Russell
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What's Happening In the Gym?

K-1

-Continue soccer lead-up game

Play bench soccer

-Soccer skill assessment

*dribbling , sending and trapping the ball

-Hula hoop skills and activities

*Hoop exploration by using implement for balance

*Hoop tricks and springing

*Hoop spinning and rolling

*Shuttle relays

-Cooperation games

2-3

-Continue soccer lead-up game

Play bench soccer

-Soccer skill assessment

*dribbling, sending and trapping the ball

-Hula hoop skills and activities

*Hoop tricks and jumps

*Hoop jumps with partner

*Hoop rolling, twirling and tossing

*Shuttle relays

-Cooperation games

4-5

1-Basketball skills and lead-up games

FUNDAMENTALS:

- A. Pivoting
- B. Catching and holding the ball
- C. Passing

- Chest
- One-hand bounce
- Bounce
- Overhead

D. Dribbling

- High
- Low
- Cross-over

E. Shooting

- Free-throw
- Lay-up shot

STRATEGIES:

- Defensive Systems:
 - how to play man to man
 - how to guard an opponent

- Offensive Systems:
 - how to execute the give and go
 - how to get open to receive a pass

2-Basketball Unit Assessment:

(dribbling, sending , receiving and shooting)

3-Cooperation and Invasion Games

Guidance News

Dear FES Families,

It has been a busy and exciting start to the school year in the guidance office. Last week we had a wonderful **party for the newcomers** to welcome them to our school community. During the party, new students enjoyed an ice cream sundae and had fun making owl crafts which are now displayed on our **“Look Whoo’s New” bulletin board**. When we asked the newcomers what their favorite thing about FES was so far, the most common answer was “Dreamland”, especially the monkey bars!



Another **bulletin board** you may want to check out is our **Habit 1 “Be Proactive”** display where our students share how they “choose their weather” - - how they turn their cloudy moments or days into sunnier ones. Some of the students’ strategies include talking to someone they trust, thinking a happy thought, and filling someone’s bucket.

In other news, the **“7 Habits Team”**, **“Tech Team”**, and **“Cool Cats”** Team are hard at work preparing for November’s Habit 2 Assembly. Next week, our latest team, **“Cool Kitties”**, a team of Grade 2 students learning to be peer helpers, will begin learning our important message which will be shared at the assembly:



7 Habits of Happy Kids

Also in November, we will continue to be busy working on the “7 Habits of Happy Kids.” The habit for the month will be **Habit 2: “Begin with the End in Mind: Have a Plan!”** This means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started. Reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind. For young children, a good example is that of a jigsaw puzzle. Before doing a puzzle, they look at the cover of the box.

Here are some good activities you can try at home to help your child learn to “Begin with the End in Mind.”

1. As a family (or with an individual child), choose an area that needs improvement. The area of improvement, or the goal, becomes your end in mind. Then think of specific steps that will lead to achieving this goal. For example, if the goal is to improve as a reader, specific steps may include reading a certain amount of time every day or working several times a week to improve oral fluency.
2. Ask your child if there is something special he or she would like to buy, then help your child plan how much money he or she will need to save and how long it will take. Discuss ideas for earning extra money like doing additional chores and helping around the house.
3. Create a “wants” and “needs” collage with your child. Cut out pictures of various items (toys, candy, vegetables, cleaning supplies, appliances, books, etc.) from a magazine and then ask your child to paste them under the correct column of “wants” or “needs.”



I look forward to continuing to work together this school year! Thank you for your support!

Ms. Casey

Home and School News

November is a busy for the home and school team. This month we are gearing up for the Holiday season. Our amazing parade committee is already hard at work planning and preparing the FES float entry. They will continue to work each weekend leading up to parade weekend, November 22nd. If you can lend a hand please contact Liz Tait at 650-6598. Don't forget to cheer on our amazing float as they drive by on parade night!

This year for the first time we are excited to be offering a Santa's Workshop to all FES students. Children will be given the opportunity to visit Santa's workshop to do some holiday shopping for their loved ones. More information will be coming home soon with your child, this event is our main fundraiser for the fall/winter term. If you are able to help us during the workshop class visits December 10th- 12th please email Amanda Rouse – amanda@rousehouse.ca

Our scholastic book fair will be running November 12-14th. If you can assist with staffing the book fair please let us know fairvalehomeandschool@gmail.com

December is always a fun filled month at FES: stay tuned for information on our VIP concert tickets, our annual holiday gift basket draw and much, much more!

Important Dates:

November 4: home and school meeting at 7:30 in the library

November 12 – 14 Scholastic book fair

November 22 – Healthy Lunch website opens

November 22 – KV Santa Claus Parade

November 27 – Healthy Lunch website closes

November 28 – Hot Lunch counting

December 10th – 12th - Santa's Workshop

News from your PSSC:

The PSSC (Parent School Support Committee) is off to a great start this year! We are excited to have a 15 member parent committee whose primary focus is ensure that the parent voice is heard in setting education priorities and planning for improvements in our school. Our committee addresses broad issues related to the education of all children in the school, with the goal of enhancing student learning. PSSC meetings are open to all parents and interested community members. Our next meeting will be November 20th at 7:15PM in the FES Board Room. We will focus on a different component of the School Improvement Plan each meeting. To view meeting minutes and find out more information about PSSC, go to the FES webpage and click on the PSSC tab. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions throughout the year, please contact the committee at FESPSSC@nbed.nb.ca or you may also contact any member directly.