

## **Omega April Newsletter**

## Mrs. Evenson's News

March had the Omega students busy learning this month in Social Studies learning all about the Human Rights. Partnering up across Grades 1-8, students researched about the different Human Rights groups throughout the world. Then the small groups took time to present their research to their peers, which allowed everyone a chance to learn about all the different organizations who are working on ensuring that all people are treated equally. Grade 5-8 students will be presenting in early April about individual Humanitarians, and their impact on the world.

Students continue to work towards grade level math – Grade K-1s are working on Addition and Subtraction to 20, while Grade 2s have started to further explore 2-digit addition/subtraction. Grade 3s have moved onto Polygons and 3D shapes, which will have them incorporating some art activities throughout the upcoming month.

In ELA, students continue to build on their reading skills through UFLI, while we also focus on building their comprehension. We will focus more on this month with reading comprehension, as you may begin to see students work on summarizing the main ideas of their home reading each night.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please get a hold of me. I'm always happy to help. Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Easter

Mrs. Evenson

Be sure to send your kiddos dressed for the weather! Wet season is ahead of us – slush pants and rubber boots are recommended.

## **Pre-Kindergarten In-School Sessions**

We are happy to have our Pre-Kindergarten students (born 2020) join us Tuesdays & Thursdays in April from 8:50-10:15am. During this time, we will work on speaking English, Letter Recognition, Printing and Numbers as they get comfortable with attending school in September.

All pre-kindergarten students will also be receiving "Ready for Kindergarten" package from South Interlake Library that we will use during these times to practice some of our basic skills for Kindergarten!

## Mr. McDonald's News

Spring Break will be a well deserved rest for the students who have been working hard at their studies. We have started on our basketball unit and thanks to our friends at Teulon Collegiate we have a few real basketballs to use for the remainder of the school year. Students will be dribbling up and down the sidewalks and using the cement pad on the playground to work on our shooting and rebounding skills. As the playground is still very wet I need everyone to help keep the balls out of the water. All balls should be brought back inside after Physical Education and recess. On a long term note the Colony will need to address the loss of space caused by the new housing project. What is left of the field is not usable as it is currently under water and will return to being mud/dirt after the puddles dry up. An open field with grass that is close to the school building would be ideal gym and recess use.

In mathematics students are continuing to work on our math work book sheets that are grade level specific. Students all improved on their second assessment and I was particularly proud of our grade 6 students who all scored very well on the test. Overall students continue to work very hard on their assigned work and their skills are developing nicely.

In English we have started our new novel "A Ticket To Curlew" and the students are enjoying the story of a young boy and his family who are homesteaders in Alberta in the early 1900s. We are continuing with our reading and spelling work sheets and we are working on our writing skills as well. English is divided between the 5/6 group who work together and the grade 8s. Reading/questions are done with Mr. McDonald and the students complete their spelling sheets independently. Spelling tests are administered by Mrs. Dola or Mrs. Hyrtsay in the afternoons when I am not here. Students also continue to work on Math/English in the time while I am not at the school. We continue with our daily Bible Story at the transition between Math and English classes in the morning.

As always I remain available to discuss your child's experience here at Omega School. Just contact me at the school or stop me at lunch on Wednesdays and I would be happy to discuss any concerns that you may have.

Paul McDonald

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