

# March

Prairie Blossom students had a fantastic Reading Month! We loved listening to stories shared by our wonderful guest readers and celebrating our favorite books and characters with a special dress-up day. Our early years students put their writing skills into action by creating and performing a play inspired by the characters they explored. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and older siblings who helped with costumes—your support made the day even more memorable. It was truly a special experience for our students!

- Mrs. Farnworth



January and February's Guidance lessons continued on the theme of charity and recognition of the blessings in our lives. Students learned about the work of Habitat for Humanity, building affordable housing for those in need through donations of money, materials, and most importantly, volunteer manpower. Students then reflected on their homes and families. They composed heartfelt messages through pictures, essays or poems to express what home means to them. When compositions were submitted, donations were made by third parties to Habitat for Humanity to continue their works. Over \$185,000 was raised across Canada this year through this initiative.

-Mrs. Greigson

*By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

Proverbs 24:7



Middle years students have been hard at work, honing their math skills and knowledge. Grade 8 have been working on problems involving percent, and sales tax. The grade 7 students are learning algebra, interpreting and solving equations. Improving our knowledge and understanding of figurative language has been our focus in ELA. We are excited to begin Social Studies and learn about societies of the past.

The high school students have just wrapped up the ELA unit on Self in which they created a zine of their work. They are beginning a new unit about discovery and survival. They also did a special, second math lesson with Mrs. Ladyka about measurement.

Winter gym classes are always a challenge! Weather permitting, we have been having a lot of fun outdoor activities like skating, sledding, and snowshoeing! When it was too cold to be outside, we played team games like dodgeball, gaga, and save the prisoner.

We always look forward to February because it is I Love to Read month, and there are guest readers. This year, one of the readers was a firefighter from Stonewall! We also had other fun activities in February including: glasses day, Valentine's Day, 100's day, and dress as a book character.

We also had a field trip this month focusing on social justice. We took a trip to the Humane Society to learn how they care for unwanted animals, and help them find new homes. We toured the building, spent some time with a therapy dog, and packaged treats for different sized dogs. Before the trip, we made activity mats for dogs, which we donated to the Humane Society.

Middle Years Students

