

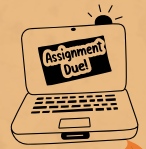


October Newsletter

Prairie Blossom School

A Look Back at September .

September flew by quickly with back-to-school routines, starting new classes, new topics, assessments, and ITV! We are well underway with learning in every subject and are settling into a good routine. High School students are being challenged with various assignments and should be working to ensure all work is completed on time for all subjects and teachers. Every due date for every assignment is important.

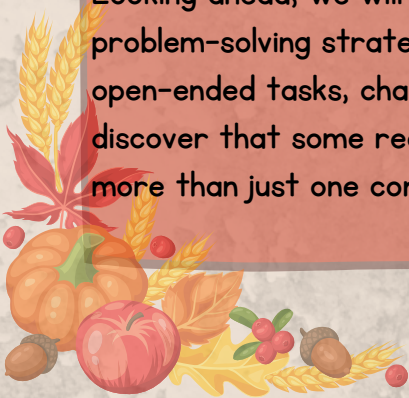


Math Minds at Work...

Our students are diving deep into foundational math skills by mastering place value concepts, counting, and reviewing basic operations. Fridays have quickly become a classroom favorite with our weekly estimation jar activity. We have also launched an exciting new challenge called "Prove It!" Students are given a math problem and tasked with proving whether Mrs. Jensen's answer is right or wrong – and explicitly explaining why, if she made a mistake! This high-interest routine is fantastic for building critical thinking and mathematical reasoning. Looking ahead, we will be expanding our problem-solving strategies and introducing open-ended tasks, challenging students to discover that some real-world problems have more than just one correct answer.

Literacy Loop...

Our Grades 1-8 students just finished their literacy assessments! With this data, we are continuing our daily UFLI routines, using hands-on activities to keep boosting their decoding (reading) and encoding (spelling) skills. Alongside these phonics routines, students are diving into engaging novel studies to master deeper reading comprehension strategies. Finally, we are using the structured Step Up to Writing curriculum to help our beginning writers build organized sentences and paragraphs with confidence. We can't wait to watch their literacy skills soar!





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Healthy Bodies and Global Minds

With cold and flu season approaching, students are reviewing how germs spread and practising ways to help keep themselves and others healthy.

In Social Studies, our Early Years students are learning to map Canada's provinces, territories, capital cities, and bodies of water. They are also exploring new terms, including political region, constitution, jurisdiction, and representative.

Middle Years students are discovering how latitude and longitude help people navigate and support travel and commerce. They are also learning about the Prime Meridian and how time zones work.

Log In to Literacy & Logic

Our high school ITV students are off to an incredible start online! In Math, each grade is tackling essential, real-world skills: Grade 9 is mastering rational numbers, Grade 10 is building strong foundations in personal finance, Grade 11 is investigating interest and credit, and Grade 12 is navigating the practicalities of vehicle finance.

Meanwhile, our ELA courses are diving deep into powerful thematic units. Grades 9 and 10 are exploring the theme of self, while Grades 11 and 12 are embarking on the Journey of Discovery and Survival. Through engaging novel studies, writing, and representing tasks, students across all grades are finding creative ways to analyze complex ideas and demonstrate their learning on screen.

Our high school students have completed their first online week of Geographic Issues. So far, they have explored human and natural geography, the five themes of geography, and how these ideas connect.

ITV Graces & Growth

Some words of grace from the High School students:

- More efficient than when we had all the classes together...
- It is faster-paced...
- Getting to know other students...
- Looking forward to gatherings...
- Classmates are nice!
- Change of classrooms is a good fit for us.
- Teachers are positive and want to help!

Some areas for growth:

- Internet issues at some schools.
- Some Microsoft Teams issues.

We will continue to work to resolve these.





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Important School Reminders & Expectations

Absences: If your child will be away, please call the school or text Ms. Kler or Mrs. Jensen as soon as possible. Advance notice for scheduled appointments is always greatly appreciated!

Indoor Shoes: A few students still need to bring a pair of indoor shoes. These are strictly required for safety and help keep our classrooms clean and well-maintained.

Punctuality: Please ensure students arrive on time. Arriving late disrupts the learning environment for the rest of the class.

Healthy Snacks: We ask that students bring healthy snacks only. Please leave gum, coffee, chips, and candy at home.

Recess Planning: Students are not allowed to run home for snacks during afternoon recess. Please make sure they pack an afternoon snack before leaving for school!

THANK YOU

We want to extend a massive thank you to the wonderful ladies in our kitchen for preparing such incredible hot meals. The entire staff is so grateful for your constant hospitality, hard work, and kindness. A special shout-out for the weekly baking as well—it is always an absolute treat and disappears in seconds!

We also want to share our deepest appreciation for our school's amazing cleaning crew (the girls at school and the Diene for bi-weekly cleaning). Thank you for your tireless hard work, dedication, and care in keeping our classrooms, hallways, and learning spaces sparkling clean, safe, and welcoming for our students every single day!



DATES TO NOTE:

October 6th -Bookmobile

October 12th - Thanksgiving - No School

October 21st - Progress Conversations

October 23rd - No School - PD Day (Provincial)

November 11th - Remembrance Day - No School

November 20th - PD Day - No School

Happy Birthday!



Micah - October 16th

Jonathan - October 20th

Isabella - October 23rd

