

Senior Room October News



We're a month into the school year, and I must say that it's just flown by! The class has already done a lot of learning AND has had a lot of fun. This group of kids is a wonderful one to be working with. I've always heard great things about Nestor Falls School, and now I know it's true.

I have also been glad to meet many parents at Open House, and at other times in the past month. Please know that my door is always open if you'd like to stop in before or after school. If you have any concerns, ideas, or glad tidings to share, I'm happy to hear them in person or by phone at the school (484-2101).

~ Ms. K. Woods

Here are some highlights of what we'll be studying this month:

Language - We've spent the last month studying short stories / narratives (in both reading and writing). This month all the grades will be starting novel studies. The grade 4/5's will be reading Charlotte's Web, and the 6/7/8's will be reading Tuck Everlasting.

Math - September was mainly spent looking at Data Management (with a focus for all grades on graphing). Much of October will be spent looking at Number Sense.

Science - The grade 4/5's will soon be completing their unit on The Human Body, whereas the 6/7/8's will be finishing their look at Space.

Social Studies - Once our Science units are completed, we'll be moving into Social Studies. The 4/5's will be starting a detailed look at the Medieval Era. The 6/7/8's will be spending about a month on History with their focus this term being "New France."

Phys. Ed. - For the Senior room, September was spent focusing on team-building games, Ultimate Frisbee, and finally, Soccer. We will be continuing with soccer this month, and will also be starting swimming lessons this week.

Please Note: *The students are responsible for keeping most of their returned assessed work in portfolios in the classroom. They can show their portfolios to you whenever you wish to see them. The portfolio contents will be sent home at the end of each term.*



Agendas

Thank you to all the parents for signing your child's agenda on a nightly basis.

Please encourage your child to use his/her agenda. Some students have been using them more diligently than others. There should definitely be at least one school-related reminder in it per day. Students can also use agendas for personal reminders.

They're also a great tool for parent-teacher communication (the perfect place to write a note telling me that your child has a doctor's appointment, etc.).

Swimming Lessons

Reminder: Lessons are starting this Wednesday and will continue every week until December 8th. Please make sure your child is prepared for the day by packing:

- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Shampoo
- Brush / comb
- Lunch and snacks (as usual)*

We will be having three days during the ten lessons when we will stop at McDonald's for lunch. Students may bring money for lunch or bring a regular lunch to eat at that time. The dates for our McDonald's stop are:

October 20th, November 17th, and December 8th.



Soccer Tournament

The Junior (Grade 4-6) tournament is taking place at Donald Young School this Thursday (Oct 7th), with a backup rain date of the next day (Oct 8th).

The Intermediate (Grade 7-8) tournament is taking place at Donald Young School this Thursday (Oct 14th), with a backup rain date of the next day (Oct 15th).

Please make sure that your child is prepared for those days with:

- Proper clothes for all possible weather (sun, rain, wind, cold),
- Lunch, snack, water, etc.,
- Optional: Money for the canteen.

A BIG THANK YOU!!! to all of the volunteer drivers for those days:
Kathy Wiggins, Cindy Krukoski, Kathy Brown, and Shirley Brown.
We couldn't do it without you ladies!!



October Dates to Remember:

6th - First day of swimming lessons

7th - Junior Soccer Tournament
(backup date of the 8th)

7th - Spirit Day (Pajama Day)
(Grade 4-6's can have theirs on the 8th)

12th - Picture Day

14th - Intermediate Soccer Tournament
(back date of the 15th)

29th (pm) - Sr. Room Halloween Party

31st - Halloween

Indoor Shoes

Thank you to those of you who have equipped your children with indoor shoes.

'Tis the season for mud, and many students do not yet have indoor shoes at school.

Please insure that your child has indoor shoes. Slippers are acceptable, but indoor gym shoes will also be needed if this is your child's indoor shoe of choice.



Homework

My general homework policy is not to give homework when there has been little/no time in class to work on the task. Occasionally, I do change on this, but 90% of the homework that your child takes home this year will be work that s/he was probably given enough time to complete in class, but chose to use that time otherwise.



SPIRIT DAYS

Every other Thursday until Christmas, students will have the chance to dress up and show their school spirit. The themes of these days were chosen by the Student Council:

Oct. 7th—Pajama Day

Oct. 21st—Black & Orange Day

Nov. 4th—Crazy Hair Day

Nov. 18th—Sports Day

Dec. 2nd—70's & 80's Day

Dec. 16th—Red & Green Day

