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March 15 is Green



Our celebration of "Leprechaun Magic" takes place on Monday, March 15th. We will be doing green water activities, special crafts and green food. If your child would like to bring something green, wear something green, or bring something Irish, we will gladly include it in our day of green fun!



Dates to Remember

- Green Day -
Monday, March 15
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
Tuesday March 16 (evening);
Wednesday, March 17 (day)
- In-Service – **Tuesday, March 16** – no afternoon classes, no lunch
- In-Service – **Wed, March 17** – no school all day, no lunch
- Spring Break
March 29 to April 2
- In-Service – **Monday, April 5**
no school all day, no lunch
- Classes resume
Tuesday, April 6

Teacher Conferences

This month offers the opportunity for parents to come to school on March 16 (evening) and March 17 (all day) to take part in parent-teacher conferences.

The teachers have been recording your child's activities since our last meetings in November, and will summarize these notes for our discussions.

These conferences are only 15 minutes long, so we will be brief.

Please do not bring your child to the conference; the teachers are better able to focus on your questions and comments if the children are not present.

We encourage all parents to sign up for a conference on the sign-up sheets, which will be posted on the bulletin board in the first week of March.

Fundraising News

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to launch our next fundraiser! The Glenlea Greenhouses Plant Catalogues and order forms will be available soon. The orders will be due back by March 24th with a delivery date of Wednesday June 2nd. We will need lots of volunteers to help with sorting first thing on the morning so if you can be of any assistance we would very much appreciate it! Please watch for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Our new and final fundraiser before the end of the year will be Mabel's Labels. This company was created by frustrated moms tired of kids losing all their stuff. This is a Canadian Company who specialize in sticky labels and clothing labels, which are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe and can be designed to be very special to each child. The labels are customized with a child's name, favourite mix of colours and an icon (animal, symbol, etc.). They also offer personalized stationery products, ID wristbands and household labels. More information will be

provided in the next newsletter.

Thank-you all for your ongoing support!!

The Fundraising Committee

Events of Note

Annual Farm Trip

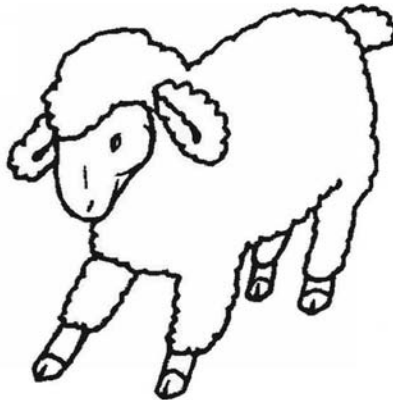
Morning Class
Tuesday, June 1 (all day)
NO AFTERNOON CLASS

Afternoon Class
Friday, June 4 (all day)
NO MORNING CLASS

Looking ahead to warmer weather, we have booked our annual trip to the farm with Morning Sound near Sanford.

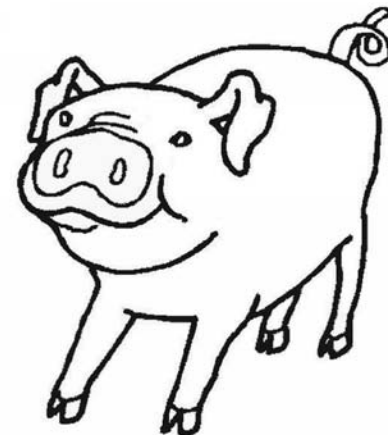
We had a great time last year, and we are looking forward to another adventure.

The morning class will be going by chartered bus on Tuesday, June 1 and the afternoon class will be going on Friday, June 4.



The children need to bring their lunch, as we are away all day. Each class misses a day of school when the other group goes to the farm.

Parents may join us, so plan ahead if you would like to come (there is



only room for one adult per child). There are usually lots of helpers, so your child will be well supervised if a parent is unable to come. Watch for more details.

French

(Tuesdays)

The French theme for March is "Home and Family."

We will continue our hello and goodbye with the "Bonjour" song at the beginning of class and the "Au revoir" song at the end of class. We continue to reinforce basic greetings with "Bonjour", "Comment ça va?", "Comment t'appelles-tu?" and "Quelle âge as-tu?".



New Terms

La famille – family
maman – mom
papa – dad
ma sœur – my sister
mon frère – my brother
mon bébé – my baby

Songs

"Ma Famille"

(to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

Ma famille,
C'est Papa
Maman et bébé
C'est mon frère, ma sœur et moi,
Ça c'est ma famille.
Voilà!

"J'aime papa – j'aime maman"

(to the tune of "Lullaby, Good Night")

J'aime Papa – J'aime Maman
J'aime mon petit frère.
J'aime ma sœur.
Et mon bébé.
Et toute ma famille

Parking Reminders

In the school bus zone on Balfour, drivers are not allowed to park, wait or stop your vehicle. Please inform those who drive your children to school.

Also, please don't park so close to the intersection that you block pedestrian access to the sidewalk. Not only do you risk a parking ticket, but you prevent the children from safely reaching the sidewalk as they have to walk around your car, and into traffic. Thanks to all.



In the Classroom

February Activities

February was a month full of fun activities.

The children especially enjoyed doing valentine crafts, making valentine cards, working in the post office and delivering mail.

Bring Someone You Love Day was another success, and it was a pleasure to have guests in the class. Thank you to the many parents who contributed to the “treat bag.”

On February 5, we celebrated our Voyageur heritage with music and dancing.

We were so pleased to have James Ladyka entertain us with his lively fiddle music again this year. The children and teachers enjoyed their energetic dance party. During Festival week we enjoyed the special snack of sucre à la crème, bannock by Jody and butter made by the children and teachers in class.



We enjoyed the children’s contributions to “Sound Week” over the month of February, and we have some great posters to show for it. The class focus during the last week of February was Antarctica, where it is on the globe and on the world map, and about the people who go there and the animals that live there.

Our study in Art Appreciation was the artwork of William Kurelek. We discussed *A Prairie Boy’s Winter* and *A Prairie Boy’s Summer*.

March Activities

Early in March we will be doing some science experiments, and then go on to St. Patrick’s Day fun. Our Easter crafts will start on March 18. Please bring in 2 hard boiled eggs to dye on March 23, 24 or 25. We will have an egg hunt on March 26, the last day before the break.

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This month, we will be introducing songs about **rabbits and chicks**. The focus will be on percussion instruments with accompaniment using the notes “do” and “so” and improvisation.

Parents, please contact the office with any changes in cell, home, work telephone numbers, emergency contacts, as we need these comprehensive class lists for the staff and board members in case of emergency.

MFIS Dinner

Lucille Labossiere and Judy Hurd attended the annual general meeting of the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools (MFIS) on February 25, 2010.

Thank you!

Many hands make light work, and we are grateful to the helpers who made February a fun month.

Reminder: When there is an in-service day, either morning or afternoon, there is no lunch program available. Please note this on your calendar.

March 2010

Morning Show & Tell names appear in italics

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Phoenix, Adam, Jackson</i> Phoenix, Juliet, Bailey	2 <i>Josh, Amanada, Adriano</i> Josh, Amanda, Adriano	3	4 <i>Nathaniel, Brooke</i> Ben, Isabelle	5 <i>Benjamin, Lauren, Jack Rh.</i> Jack Rh., Zachary	6
7	8 <i>Phoenix, Adam, Jackson</i> Phoenix, Juliet, Bailey	9 <i>Josh, Amanada, Adriano</i> Josh, Amanda, Adriano	10 <i>Molly, Sophia</i> Sophia, Adriana, Joey	11 <i>Charlotte, Hanna</i> Aiden, Elwood	12 <i>Eric, Tessa</i> Ava, Garrett, George	13
14	15 <i>Megan, Quin</i> Lucas, Colleen, Julianna Green Day	16 PM In-service P/T Conferences Evening	17 AM/PM In-service P/T Conferences All Day	18 <i>Joey, Kayden, Amelie</i> Amelie, Simon	19 <i>Abigail, Matthew, Jack Rei.</i> Sunny, Annika	20
21	22 <i>Kate, Lola, Caleb</i> Saskia, Danica, Dyson	23 <i>Meghna, Ella</i> Meghna, Stanley	24 <i>Hunter, Riley, Tyson</i> Jayda, Peyton	25 <i>Connor, Addison, Stella</i> Ruby, Moira, Kaelen	26	27
28	29 SPRING BREAK	30	31 MARCH 29 - APRIL 2	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px;"> April 5, 2010 AM/PM INSERVICE April 6, 2010 CLASSES RESUME </div>		