

Grade	Update
Kindergarten	<p>During the month of September we will be working on a number of skills and concepts. Our theme is School Days. With it being the beginning of the year, we will be spending time learning about classroom rules and routines, as well as getting along with our friends and using our manners. Name recognition and printing, letter recognition and printing, number recognition and printing, and counting of sets will be our focus. The students will also be participating in a social emotional program called 'Kimochis'. Songs in Music, and Art projects will either be seasonal or theme-based. There will also be some time spent developing gross and fine motor skills. There is no doubt the Kindergarten students will be busy.</p>
Grade 1	<p>We are off to a wonderfully strong start! Reviewing our letter sounds and practicing our printing along the way. We have started to blend these letter sounds together and are reading some 2-3 letter words! Very exciting. Music is awesome, PE is so much fun, and learning all about Seasons in Science keeps us curious!</p>
Grade 2	<p>Grade 2 students have had an amazing start to their school year! We are practicing our spelling, writing and phonics in ELA. In Math, we have started to explore the use of Base-10 blocks to show place value. We are working on our mapping skills and investigating materials in Social Studies and Science respectively. The Grade 2s are really enjoying Art, and just recently finished their project based on the book "The Dot".</p>
Grade 3	<p>Grade 3 students are learning cursive writing. We finished a "pre-handwriting" booklet this week and we are now moving on to "real" letters. We are practicing our phonemic awareness through "Secret Stories" and then identifying these sounds when we hear them in text or use them in our own writing. We are working on writing autobiographies as well and we have been using our writing folders, personal dictionaries, and graphic organizers to help us with this process. In mathematics, we are learning how to represent numbers up to one million in visual, standard, expanded, written, and place value chart forms. We know almost all of the words in our Place Value song! In Social Studies, we are learning about the country of India. We really enjoyed painting our self-portraits in Art and we have been learning about nutrition in Physical Education and Wellness. Of course, PE is always an amazing opportunity to move our bodies and to develop teamwork skills and sportsmanship. It's been a great start to the year!</p>
Grade 4	<p>The grade 4 class has been doing great! In language arts, we have been learning about genre and putting our knowledge to the test by writing short stories. In math, we have been exploring the various ways that we can represent numbers. In Social, we have been learning about the regions, bodies of waters and cities of Alberta. In Science, we have been learning about waste, plastics, decomposition and composting. In French, we have been learning how to count to 10. In art, we have been learning about shades, tints and gradients. It has been a great start to the year!</p>

Grade 5	In French, we have been learning how to count to 10. In art, we have been learning about shades, tints and gradients. It has been a great start to the year!
Grade 6	<p>Gr. 6</p> <p>ELA: Working on developing deeper reading strategies (inferencing, connecting and monitoring thinking). Developing strategies to comprehend stories with more depth and respond in paragraphs.</p> <p>Math: Continuing to develop understanding of factors and multiples by looking at how numbers are made up of sets of other numbers.</p> <p>Music 6: Exploring our new songs for September and building in more body percussion. Teaching song based games and rhythm focus.</p>
Grade 7	We have been working on our first unit "Who I Am" in ELA 7. We are honing our active listening and visualization skills, as well as doing some baseline reading and writing assessments. Students are listening to "Unplugged" by Gordon Korman. We start a short story unit next week. Math 7 is working on Data Analysis and finding Mean, Median and Mode.
Grade 8	Math 8 refreshed their work on integer operations, including add, subtract, multiply and divide integers. Now we are learning about order of operations with integers. Our first unit in ELA focuses on personal identity. We are working on connecting media and text to personal experiences and interpretations. Baseline reading and writing assessments are taking place this month. Students are practicing visualization and active listening techniques as we listen to "The Unteachables" by Gordon Korman. We start our short story unit next week. Science 8 is working through a chemistry unit. They have finished the safety piece and are now looking at the Particle Model of Matter.
Grade 9	

Grade 10	High School Foods students are working through their "Foods Basics" course and creating some tasty goods - muffins, pancakes, scones, waffles, biscuits and bannock over the past few weeks.
Grade 11	Biology 20 students are completing the ecology unit and the project currently working on is a 3 tiered EcoColumn apparatus. Also starting the topic on Matter Cycles in the Biosphere. We have recently completed reading the play, "Twelve Angry Men" and are completing a creative portfolio project in response to the play. High School Foods students are working through their "Foods Basics" course and creating some tasty goods - muffins, pancakes, scones, waffles, biscuits and bannock over the past few weeks.
Grade 12	Physics 20 students are learning about graphing and calculating different rates of motion, including linear uniform motion, free fall, vertical ball tosses etc. High School Foods students are working through their "Foods Basics" course and creating some tasty goods - muffins, pancakes, scones, waffles, biscuits and bannock over the past few weeks.
Junior Options	Junior high STEAM has looked at the Physics of car crashes and which principles are involved. They have done some miini-experiments to see how mass and velocity effect momentum. In junior high Sports Performance, the studetns have been working on our officiating module. Some have already had the opportunity to referee some of our in class games.
Senior Options	