

Grade	Update
Grade 2	<p>In ELAL, we are building our reading and writing skills. We are also working on improving our spelling each day. The Grade 2s have really enjoyed our Reading Buddy program we are working on in Grades 1-6. They enjoy spending time with the older grades and learning reading skills from them as well. In Math, we are practicing skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s. We are also learning to represent numbers to 1000 in different ways. In Social Studies, we are finishing up our unit in Mapping and next we will be moving on to our unit about Iqaluit, Nunavut. In Science, we are learning about different materials we have in our world and how those materials are best used in our everyday life. In art, we are working on fall and Halloween themed projects.</p>
Grade 3	<p>In ELAL, we are continuing with handwriting. So far we have learned m,n,t i, u, v, and w. We are continuing with our Read Aloud novel: The Mouse and the Motorcycle. As part of this reading we identify phonemes we have learned in "Secret Stories". We are continuing our work on writing autobiographies as well and we have been using our writing folders, personal dictionaries, and graphic organizers to help us with this process. For word work, we will be focusing on spelling and using words with the long o sound, the short and long u sounds, the initial y sound, and the silent e, as well as distinguishing between one and two syllable words and spelling and identifying homophones. In mathematics, we are learning how to compare and order numbers up to one million, and we will be working on rounding numbers soon. In Social Studies, we are finishing up learning about the country of India and comparing their quality of life to ours in Canada. We have a special Fall art project on the horizon. We will be finishing our nutrition unit in Physical Education and Wellness this term, and students are enjoying working on basic volleyball skills.</p>
Grade 4	<p>The grade 4's had a great September and have been doing well in October too. In language, we are practicing our summary writing skills. We are also working on eliminating run on sentences. In math, we just finished a unit on estimating and rounding. Next, we will be looking at adding and subtracting skills. In science, we are learning about recycling and waste management. In social, we have been learning all about Canada. Specifically, we have been learning all the provinces, territories and capitals. In French, we have been learning the names of some common animals and using those names to play pictionary. Next, we will learn colours. We will also be learning some basic elements that will allow us to make simple sentences. In art, we have been learning all about tints, tones and shades, which the grade 4's and 5's put into practice by painting some mountain landscapes.</p>
Grade 6	<p>In Social we are learning about the roles and responsibilities of the three orders of government. We are excited to head to the Legislature in a couple weeks.</p>
Grade 7	<p>In ELA 7 we are working on a Short Story Unit. Students are learning important fiction reading strategies and applying them to the stories we study. We sample suspense, FNMI, humour, and science fiction stories throughout this unit.</p>

Grade 8	In ELA 8 we are working on a Short Story Unit. Students are learning important fiction reading strategies and applying them to the stories we study. We sample suspense, FNMI, humour, and science fiction stories throughout this unit.
Grade 10	Grade 10 Social is starting to learn about historical globalization. We will cover a number of topics including the TransAtlantic Slave Trade, Rwandan Genocide, Residential Schools, and other heavy material. Paleontology is focusing on birds as dinosaurs - we're looking at cool ancient creatures like Ornimegalonyx (ancient giant owl that couldn't fly), playing the board game Wingspan, dissecting chickens, and more! Science 10 has been buzzing through our chemistry component in this last bit. They have moved through reaction types and balancing and are getting to do some practical applications within the lab. The work through the theoretical has been strong and is being followed up by a number of hands on pieces that will round out most of October!
Grade 11	Biology 20 students are beginning the 2nd Topic of Unit B called populations change. It introduces students to theorsys of change in organisms, including Wallace, Lamark and Darwin.
Grade 12	Physics 20 students are learning the 2nd Unit of Study called Dynamics, including Forces acting on an object such as tension, gravity, and applied push/pull forces. Social 30 is in its Economics unit and covering the Wall Street Crash / Great Depression while looking for parallels to today and the 08/09 crash.