

Grade	Update
Grade 3	<p>In Language Arts, the class has been working on strategies for reading comprehension (organization and determining important information). We have also been reading Fairy Tales and have been discussing and recording the elements of them using a graphic organizer. In Mathematics, we have been working on multiplying numbers to 12 using repeated addition and skip counting. In Social Studies, we have been learning more about Tunisia. In Science, we have been learning about forces.</p>
Grade 4	<p>In Language, the grade 4 class just finished making their own story trailers using a website called Animoto. Our next focus is on summarizing short stories and talking about their themes. In math we are focusing on fractions which is a big topic, but the students are doing well! In social we just finished a big project on the First Nations on Alberta and now we are looking at the fur trade. In Science we have begun our unit on space, we are learning about solar systems, galaxies, stars etc. The student's next big project will be to create a diorama of our solar system. In French, the students just finished making weather reports as a group project, and our next focus will be learnign to sing Canada's anthem in French. In art, the students are looking at how every day items can be used to create art. We made collages and now we are making model robots. The grade 4's are doing great!</p>
Grade 7	<p>Grade 7 students are reading the novel "Pax" by Sarah Pennypacker. They are learning about narrative points of view, and deepening their knowledge of plot development, characterization, and use of literary devices. Students are enjoying the novel which tells the narrative from both a human perspective and the perspective of foxes.</p>
Grade 8	<p>Grade 8 students are reading an oldie but a goodie: The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. Students are analyzing the novel in terms of theme, character development, and the societal context of the novel. Many of the students are looking for more books by this author, as they are enjoying her writing style, as well as the fact that she was a teen herself when writing the novel.</p>
Grade 9	<p>Grade 9s are working on their creative writing skills in their literacy class.</p>

Grade 10	<p>Grade 10 students are completing HCS 3000 as well as other single-credit courses as part of their CALM course. They will be done HCS 3000 before spring break, which allows them to begin work experience if they choose to. We are then moving on to further single credit courses. On February 28th we have our off-campus learning coordinator visiting to teach the students about Green Certificate and answer questions about work experience and RAP. In ELA, we are currently studying short stories and are working on formal writing tasks (essays).</p>
Grade 12	<p>Bio 30 - done the nervous system and will begin the endocrine system this week. We had our horse eye dissection prior to Teacher's Convention. The student's loved it! We have just begun our novel study on Jeannette Wall's, "The Glass Castle" and are working on formal and creative writing tasks as well.</p>