

Grade	Update
Kindergarten	<p>The Kindergarten students have been busy, and are doing so many good things despite the noticeable signs of 'spring fever'. In Language Learning we are about to begin isolating and identifying beginning sounds, ending sounds, and medial sounds. There are some great songs and phonemic awareness activities that will help the students with this learning outcome. We are also nearing the end of our Reading Sprouts program. It is an effective program that introduces young students to emergent reading practices. In Math, we have moved onto a unit on 3 - D Objects where the students are identifying and building with cones, cylinders, rectangular prisms, cubes, and spheres. Our focus in Social Studies will be Unit 3 called We Get Together. As always, Art projects/activities will coincide with the theme and/or season. In Music we are gearing up for the Spring concert. We have our 2 songs chosen, and will be practicing them over the next few weeks. I will take gym activities outside as soon as Spring is here to stay (weather and puddles permitting). At the end of the month, the students will be introduced to our new theme on "Dinosaurs". This is an exciting theme and I am looking forward to utilizing the neat resources, and planning a fun and engaging fieldtrip to Drumheller that will happen at the end of May. The students are also very excited about our class ordering Kindergarten t-shirts. It was very generous of PharmaSave (the Gaudet family) to sponsor these t-shirts for us. I am so pleased with this group of young learners.</p>
Grade 1	<p>Grade one is amazing! We LOVE our secret stories in LA, and use them along with our UFLI strategies to write sentences and even little stories! Their imaginations are fantastic. We've also started our version of a novel study, reading The Wild Robot. They just can't wait to hear the next chapter each day. In math we are learning about 3-d shapes, and our favorite game to play is SPLAT! In PE we learned how to play badminton and some of us even mastered hitting a birdie instead of a balloon! Woo! Spring concert is next month, so music 1,2,3 is a very exciting place to be as we practice our new songs.</p>
Grade 2	<p>Language Arts: The Grade 2s are continuing their hard work on spelling, journals, UFLI, and secret stories. We are also learning how to identify the subject of a sentence. Math: We have finished up our Money unit and have now moved on to Subtraction. The Grade 2s are working so hard and doing really well with two-digit subtraction. Science: We are working on our Light and Sound unit and have finished learning about sound energy. We are now moving on to learning all about light. Social Studies: We are working on our Adventure to Meteghan unit and are learning all about the Acadians. Roots of Empathy: The Grade 2s have been participating in Roots of Empathy this year and look forward to their monthly visits from Baby Tatum and his Mom. We are excited that Baby Tatum's Mom and Dad will be coming this month.</p>
Grade 3	<p>Grade 3 students have been working very hard since the last update! In English Language Arts and Literature, we have been continuing with our UFLI lessons as well as our Secret Stories. We recently finished writing our fractured fairy tales and we are moving on to reading and analyzing myths and legends for the remainder of April. In Mathematics, we are currently focusing on patterns and algebra. In Social Studies, our study of Ukraine is underway. Finally, in Science we will be focusing on simple machines for the month of April.</p>
Grade 4	<p>The Grade 4 class is doing very well. In language, they are finishing up their puppet shows. Students are reading chapter books to prepare for an upcoming book report. Next, they will be doing a film study of the movie WALL-E, and then the next big assignment will be a mock news report. In math, we just finished up a unit on 3D shapes, and then we will be heading into our unit on decimals. In social and science, we are about to wrap up our current units. In social, we will be heading into a unit that deals with Alberta's more recent history, culture, communities and economy. In science, our next unit will be on the various plants and animals of planet Earth! In French, the students have been learning the vocabulary for face and body parts through various games, one of which is Simon Says in French. In art, the students are practicing creating art with depth by drawing their names in giant block letters that look like they are disappearing into the page.</p>

Grade 7	<p>The Grade 7 ELA class is working on group projects to show their learning from the novel study unit. Though this unit has taken longer than anticipated, it has yielded a lot of rich discussion. Students will be moving into persuasive writing and then poetry for their next two units.</p>
Grade 8	<p>The Grade 8 ELA class has been reading non-fiction persuasive articles and engaging in debate-style activities. They are now writing their own essays using persuasive/argumentative writing format. The next unit is on poetry analysis. Math 8 we are doing the unit on 3-D shapes, at this time calculating surface area of a right rectangular prism (box).</p>
Grade 10	<p>Almost all Grade 10 students have completed their first Workplace Safety Systems course and have moved on to the next level of this learning. Students are also working on a third single-credit course of their choice. Some are completing Agriculture Safety Systems, Keyboarding, or other courses in their interest areas.</p>
Grade 12	<p>Physics 30 is learning about electromagnetic radiation and beginning to cover outcomes on the wave-particle duality of light. Biology 30 is doing the genetics unit &amp; just finished with cell division mitosis and meiosis and is now looking at Punnett Squares and Pedigree charts. Science 30 is finding a great deal of crossover with the Biology 30 group as we are doing the Genetics unit as well. Lots of crossover for many of these kids who actually take both classes.</p>