



Grade Two News

October 2017



Hard to believe we are in month number two of grade two. Students have worked hard to demonstrate an understanding of 'above the line' behaviors at school (using appropriate manners and following rules). We are pleased with students effort and progress. Please remember our day begins at 8:25 am, it is very important your child arrives on time to ensure they don't miss important learning opportunities. If you have not already done so, please send headphones with your child as we use them for listen to reading and computer projects. Headphones are available in our office for \$6.00. Students also require a water bottle to help them stay hydrated throughout the day. School picture day will be on Wed. October 4th.

Language:

We will continue working on building our stamina during Daily 5 literacy activities (read to self, read to someone, word work, work on writing and listen to reading). Students will enjoy a month of fun 'MONSTER' themed writing activities and stories. We will end our month with the creation of our own 'Wild Thing', using recycled items. Please watch for a note, in the middle of October, for further details regarding your child's 'Wild thing' creation.

Home reading will begin this month. Please watch for the home reading bag (book and recording sheet). Students will be awarded a prize for every 25 nights of reading. We ask that you please spend 10- 15 min per night listening to your child read, to further enhance their accuracy and fluency skills. Thank you for your continued support.

Book orders will be sent home in October. Due dates for book orders will be written in student agendas.

Math:

We are continuing to work on patterns. Each child will be identifying, reproducing, extending and creating repeating, increasing and decreasing patterns. We are also working on our number sense unit, students are learning to break apart numbers and find all the ways to make ten.

Science:

We will be continuing with our unit on Exploring Liquids. The kids are enjoying getting their hands wet while doing lots of experiments. There are lots of opportunities to identify and observe liquids at home; you can ask your child to compare different liquids and explain their properties. Coming up this month, we will also learn about the water cycle and the importance of water in our lives.

Social:

Students will be asked to locate the 4 communities, from our first social unit, on our first quiz the first week of October. The four focus communities in grade two social studies are: Ponoka, AB/ Saskatoon, SK/ Meteghan, NS, and Iqaluit, NT. We will be learning the various landforms and water bodies around the four communities. We will also learn about natural resources in each of the communities. We will be connecting social studies to a variety of exciting art projects.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are October 26th from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Interview scheduling letters will be sent home in October. Appointments are booked on a first come, first serve basis. The purpose of this interview is to discuss how your child is adjusting to the social expectations and routines of grade two, as well as baseline (Sept- Oct.) academic progress.

School Pictures will be on October 4-5th.

Grade twos will have their pictures taken on October 4th.





Halloween Information!

Your child may dress up for the day on **Tuesday Oct. 31**. One of the grade two classes will be asked to bring healthy snacks for our special Halloween lunch. Each gr. 2 class will be asked to bring snacks for one special lunch this year. Please watch for the note in mid Oct. We will participate in grade level activities planned for the afternoon. No make up will be applied to children. Please NO masks, swords or guns.

Ponoka Elementary School is trying to go digital with our monthly newsletters. In addition to the general school newsletter that will be posted online each month, you can stay informed about the specific happenings in grade two by checking out our grade two team website:

www.pesgrade2.weebly.com Each month we will post a calendar of events, updates about exciting learning events, and photos of the students' learning and achievements. After this month, paper copies of newsletters will no longer be sent home. **If you do not have the ability/access to view our grade two website, please let us know and we will make other arrangements.**

Our Grade 2 Blog

You can access our grade level blog at the following domain:

<http://pesgrade2.weebly.com>

The link can also be found on each of our *Teacher pages on the Ponoka Elementary School website*. We will use this blog to inform you of our learning activities/ projects each month, upcoming events and due dates of book orders and forms. We will post pictures and add a variety websites/games to enhance your child's learning. We will attach monthly calendars to the website as well.

Please check the website frequently.

Thank you to everyone who raised
money for the Terry Fox Run.
Way to go!

We hope that you as parents will become comfortable approaching and communicating with us about your child. Your involvement is appreciated and important! When you have questions or concerns, we would ask that you contact your son/daughter's homeroom teacher as a first point of contact. Then we can facilitate communication with other team members. Listed below are our school phone and email information.

Sign up for REMIND 101 and receive text messages about what's happening in your child's classroom.



	Enter this number	Text this message
Mrs. Abt	(587) 409-5868	@babt2
Mrs. Wessner	(587)316-6201	@mrswessn
Ms. Allen	(289)204-1128	@f6cd6g

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Home Reading Begins	3	4 School pictures 	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Holiday	10	11	12	13 Staff collaboration day (No school for students)	14
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22	23	24	25	26 Parent Teacher interviews 3:30 - 7:30 pm	27 Staff collaboration day (No school for students)	28
29	30	31 Halloween Fun 				