



Happy December Weston families!

I can't believe how this year has flown by, it is already December! In saying this, we ask that you send your child/children to school dressed for the weather. If you need assistance with winter wear, please contact Kim in the Parent Room so she can assist through Coats for Kids. As we move forward in our winter months, please assist us in making the winter season as safe as possible by speaking to your child/children about throwing snowballs, staying off the snow banks by the streets, and crossing through the parking lot to get to younger siblings. Also, please ensure that you park/stop your vehicle on the proper side of the road when you are dropping off and are picking up your child. This is important for the safety of everyone Your support with this is great appreciated!

It was an absolute joy to hear the positive responses regarding Parent-Student Conferences in November. We had over a 90% turnout. We were delighted to have conversations with all of our families celebrating your child's progress over the last three months of school. We know that when parents and schools work together that we build a stronger community to help support the family. If you were unable to speak to the teacher on November 17/18, please contact your child's teacher to make another appointment. We feel it is important to share and celebrate your child's learning.

December will be a busy month, we have so much planned over the next three weeks. This month's theme will be JOY. Students will be working on a school wide bulletin board about ways that we experience JOY and how we bring JOY to others. Students will be partaking in Cards for Care in which students will be writing friendly letters, decorating cards and creating pictures to bring joy to the elderly people throughout the province.

We will be having our annual Santa's workshop on Monday, December 12th and a whole school wide holiday pancake breakfast on December 21th. Santa will even be there.....how very exciting! Ms. Neufeld, has been working very hard with all of our classrooms, alongside the teachers to prepare for our annual winter concert which will take place on December 15th at 6:30 PM. While we are excited to have families attend in person, the use of masks is encouraged and will be available the night of the concert.

As our year closes I want to say how truly honoured I feel to work with such an amazing group of students, families, staff and friends of our school. Your support and commitment for Weston school is our holiday gift. On behalf of the staff and administration, we truly hope you enjoy a peaceful and safe holiday with your loved ones.

All the best for 2023!

Lisa Richardson



The Winnipeg Police Service in partnership with St. Vital Centre, provided 60 children within the community an opportunity take part in a unique event called Shopping with Cops. St. Vital Centre donated a \$200 St. Vital Centre Gift card to each participating child, and local police officers volunteered their time to act as personal shoppers for Shopping with Cops kids. Not only did this event provide 60 children the Christmas of their dreams, but it also gave police officers an opportunity to interact with youth in a meaningful way.

## Weston Parent Centre DECEMBER Events



Contact Kim to register for any of our FREE programs! 204-775-2591 or [kstorer@wsd1.org](mailto:kstorer@wsd1.org)

### Holiday Party

Come out and celebrate the Holidays with us, Monday, Dec. 19th @ 1:00. There will be food, fun and Bingo! Everyone wins a prize!

### Holiday Craft Day

Wednesday, Dec 14th @ 1:00 pm. Join us for fun Holiday Crafting for both adults and their little ones (not yet in school). Contact Kim to register!

### Nutrition Bingo

Parents/Guardians and their little ones (not yet in school) are invited to join us Wednesday, Dec 7th @ 1:00 pm. Come out and win FOOD! Everyone is a winner!

### Girls Club

A club for Grade 6 girls. We have fun doing art to explore a variety of themes. Mondays @ lunch (except Dec 5th). If your Grade 6 girl is interested, contact Kim to register!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
				Dental Clinic 12:30 pm
5	6	7	8	9
No Girls Club		Nutrition Bingo 1:00 pm		
12	13	14	15	16
Girls Club @ lunch		Holiday Craft Day 1:00 pm		
19	20	21	22	23
Girls Club @ lunch Holiday Party & Bingo		Last Day of School	Winter Break	Winter Break
26	27	28	29	30
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break

### PAC Meeting

All Parents/Guardians are invited to join us Wednesday, Dec. 14th @ 3:15. Find out what's happening in the school! Free babysitting and snacks!





# Room 1 - Mrs. Mallari



Mrs. Mallari, Grade 1/2 Teacher

What a busy November in Room 1! I would like to thank all the parents who found time to come for the Parent-Teacher Conference. We were able to discuss how your children are doing in school and the next steps that we are going to do. I am very sure that my students are very proud of you because you are investing time for their education. This will give them inspiration and motivation to do better in school.

This December, we will continue enhancing our reading skills through our group-guided reading. We are going to identify and describe the characters and setting of the story. We will work on sequencing the events and the story so we can retell it accurately. We will also be focusing on developing our writing skills through daily writing practices. We enjoy making super sentences by adding details that answer who, what, when, where, how and why questions. In Math, we will continue enriching our Math language through Math talks. We will also start working on our place values, identifying the number of hundreds, tens and ones in 2-3 digit numbers. We will be learning about Canada and its provinces in Social Studies and we will continue discovering living things and nonliving things.

Again, I am encouraging every parent to make sure that you bring my students to school everyday so they would not missed a single activity that we do.

## Living Things



## Nonliving Things





# Room 2 -Ms. Pruden



Students in room 2 have been working very hard .

We have jut finished our first  
assessment and reporting period.

And we are on our way to the  
holidays.

December will be a busy month of learning, singing, playing and  
dancing.

Our winter concert will be held on December 15 at 6:30 pm.





# Room 5

## - Ms. Jessica

I can not believe that it is already December! I am looking forward to the holiday festivities that are just around the corner.

In math, we have been learning lots about patterning. We have been reproducing, extending and creating repeating patterns. We also began exploring increasing patterns. Can you guess what comes next in this pattern 1,3,5,7,\_\_? What patterns do you notice around you?

We have been using Epic Books to read and research about an animal of their choice. We have been learning lots of new things such as the animal's habitat and what they eat as well as other interesting facts. In the coming weeks we will begin making mini diaramas of our animals' habitat. We can't wait to share what we have learned with you.

We are continuing to read in small groups during guided reading time. Please continue to return the home reading books and read with together daily. In writing, we have written so many wonderful small moment stories and are excited to have them published soon to share with you. At school, we are having a writing celebration day on December 6.

Take care, Jessica Ketcheson



# Greetings from Room 6 - Mrs. Horst



It was so nice to see so many of you for the parent teacher conferences at the end of November. It's nice to share with you about some of the things we have been working on. Some of us enjoyed watching the change in the tree outside of our classroom now that the branches are covered with snow. At recess many are enjoying the sleds and shovels and making snow angels in the snow. Remember to make sure that all students are dressed to enjoy 15 minutes outside at recess in both the morning and the afternoon.



Our class is looking forward to performing for you at the Winer Concert on December 15. We hope you will be able to join us. We will be having another special event on December 19 when a special program will be coming from Faculty of Engineering to introduce students to the basics of coding through unplugged kinesthetic activities and a programmable mouse game. It's going to be lots of fun!



We have been enjoying our visits with a baby in our classroom through the Roots of Empathy program. We have enjoyed watching Baby JJ change in just weeks between our visits. Isn't he the cutest? Ask your child if they can tell you how many markers we had in our bin and how many Weston Way tickets our class has.






# Room 7 Ms. Parisian



Room 7 Students created this calendar of random acts of kindness

Name: Room 7 Students

## Christmas KINDNESS Advent Calendar

1 Say a complement to 5 people or more ✓	2 Help a friend finish their work ✓	3 Be kind to your siblings ✓	4 Donate extra toys or clothes ✓	5 Wish someone a good day ✓	6 Invite someone to join in a game ✓	7 Use your manners all day ✓
8 Make a Christmas gift for someone ✓	9 Be respectful and pay attention in class ✓	10 Help prepare a meal with your family ✓	11 Hold a door open for someone ✓	12 Call someone and ask how their day was ✓	13 Tell a joke to make someone laugh ✓	14 Draw a picture for someone ✓
15 Give someone you love a hug ✓	16 Tell an adult you appreciate them and why ✓	17 Share your toys with a friend or a sibling ✓	18 Tidy your room ✓	19 Do a puzzle with your family ✓	20 Leave a happy note for someone to find ✓	21 Offer to help with a household chore ✓
22 Write a thank you note to a teacher or someone who has helped you ✓	23 Do random chores without someone asking ✓	24 Share a favourite memory with a friend ✓	25 Read a book to another person ✓	26 Make a Christmas card for your parents ✓	27 Do something that makes you happy ✓	28 Help someone wrap a Christmas gift ✓
29 Smile at everyone you meet ✓	30 Spend time with your parents and grandparents ✓	31 Pick up litter in your community ✓	 <p>If you can't complete an act of kindness on the allocated day, leave it and choose something you can do. Colour the tick as you complete each task.</p>			

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# Adventures with Room 8 and Mr. Storey

What did you say?

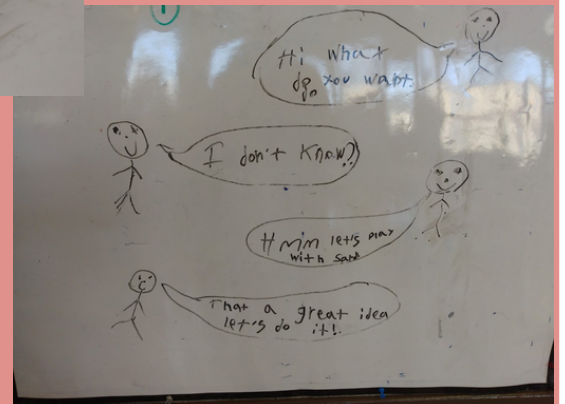
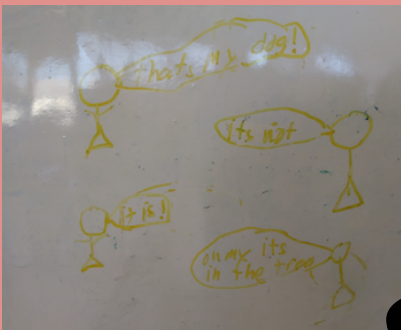
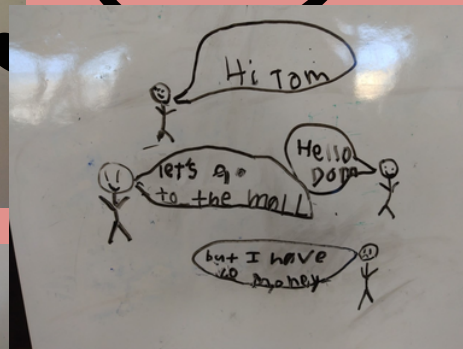
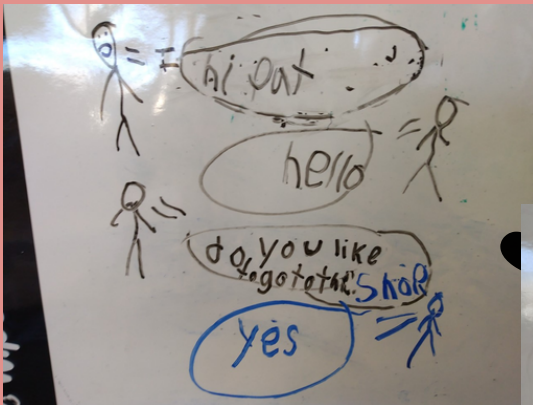
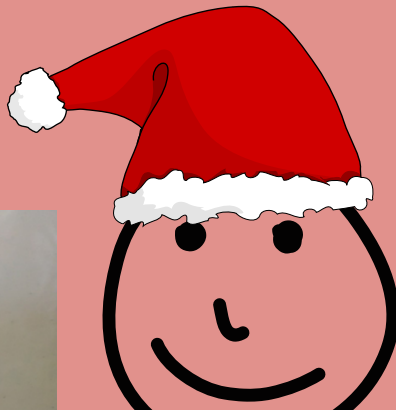
As we continue our journey in writing, the students of Room 8 are learning a whole new way of adding voice to their writing. Since September we have been working on story telling. You may have seen examples of their writing on our classroom bulletin board when you came for parent teacher meetings. We have many talented writers in our room.

One of the lessons we have been working on since the beginning is that our stories should be exciting, interesting, and captivating. We want the reader to be there with us.

We want the reader to want more when they finish reading the story. We want the reader to be interested and ask questions about our stories.

A new way of doing this is to add direct quotes from the characters in the story. We aren't just writing that a character said something. We are writing exactly what they said and how they said it. We won't just write that BB saw his friend and said hi. We'll write, "Hey, friend! How are you?" shouted BB.

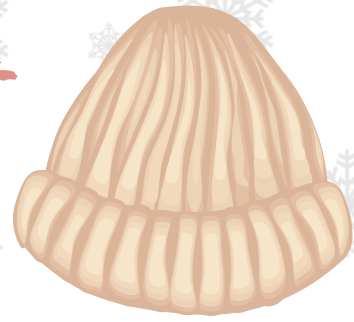
As we move forward with this addition of dialogue to our stories, we hope that we can continue to write stories that engage our readers even more. I look forward to being able to share with you our class's writing using dialogue in the future.







# Room 10 - Ms. van Ginkel



Hello from Room 10,

It was so wonderful to meet with so many parents to discuss all of the students' successes.

The students have all been working very hard and they are wonderful learners.

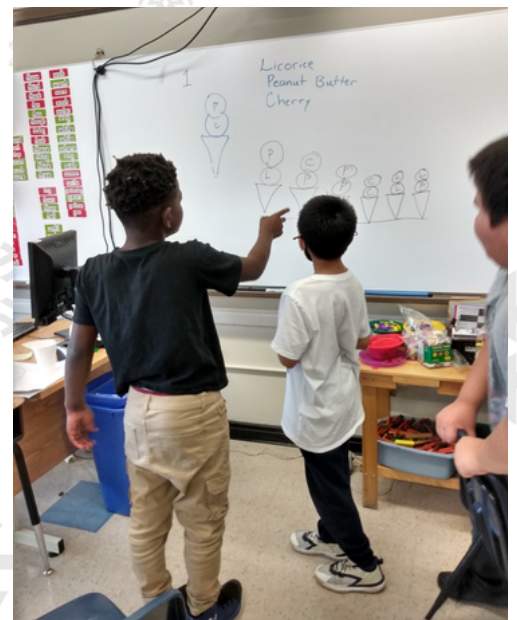
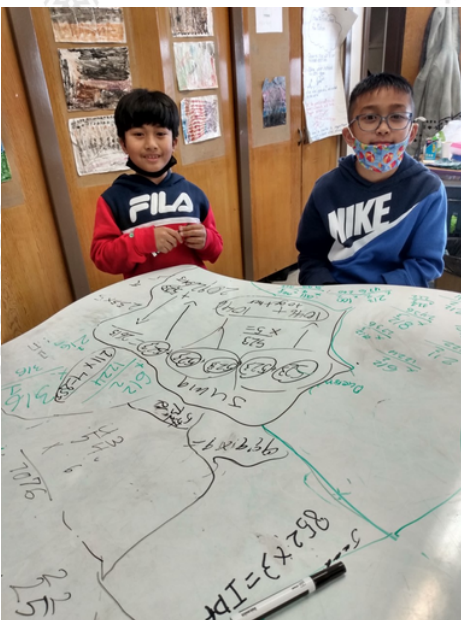
In math we have begun learning about multiplication. The students are creating equal groups and are learning to show their thinking by using manipulatives and then by creating equations. We have just begun to use this new skill in our small group problem solving activities.

In room 10 everyone is a writer! The students have been working on taking a real moment and turning it into a fiction story. It has been such a joy to hear the students share their stories with their classmates. I have loved hearing about aliens, magic carpets and all sorts that arrive on the playground and are followed by marvelous adventures.

We are now working on character development. I am looking forward to all the interesting characters that are being created!

Just a reminder, now that the weather is cooler, please be sure to send warm clothing with your child so that they can enjoy the new snow outside.

Stay warm, stay well,  
Until next time,  
H. van Ginkel



## Room 11 - Mrs. Tokarz



December News in Room 11:

It was great meeting parents/guardians during parent teacher conferences. I am looking forward to working with your child on their next steps.

The students are learning about Canada's North and are researching about Polar Bears. We are working really hard checking for understanding by asking questions throughout our research and stories we read each day to become better readers.

We learned about the Inukshuk. Afterwards many students built inukshuks outside at recess keeping in mind stability and structure. They looked fantastic!

In math, we are showing multiplication by writing and drawing different ways on paper as well as by using concrete materials such as cubes and counters.

Just a friendly reminder, if you have not yet paid your child's school supplies, please do so as part of this money pays for upcoming fun filled field trips.

Stay Warm!  
Mrs. Tokarz





# Room 14 - Ms. Massey



What does every story have? Room 14 knows! A character who wants something and must overcome obstacles to find a resolution. We are deep in thought every morning brainstorming and writing scenes, putting them together, building the arc's of our stories 'showing' the reader what our main character yearns for. We 'show' our reader what our character struggles with through dialogue, actions, and inner thoughts rather than by simply 'telling' our reader. We can't wait to share our masterpieces with our families and with the students of Room 15 during our writing celebration on December 6th!

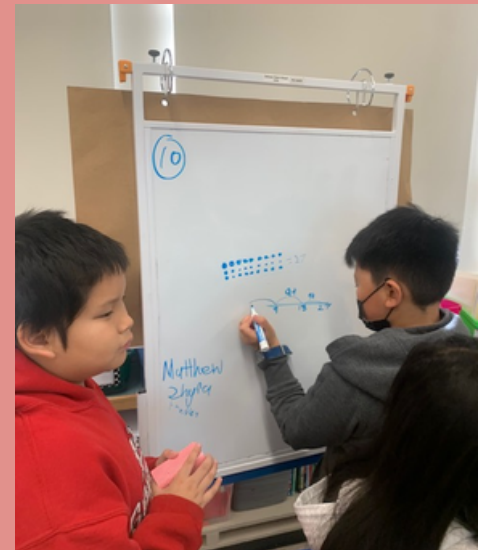
Room 14 continues to collectively solve problems together within random groupings to learn new concepts in mathematics. We have begun to learn multiplication and students have shown each other the many ways to find a solution. Learning math through problem-solving has proven to be a great way for us to harness all our energy and keep us engaged. Way to go boys and girls for sticking with it even when the word problem is a little hard and helping each other learn.

Students in Room 14 not only like to solve problems together they also like to build together. Students are beginning to understand it is important to create a strong base to support a free-standing structure and are assembling sturdier constructions for our STEM designs. We are also considering the best types of materials to use for a particular function within our creations.

When we are done being authors, mathematicians, and engineers it's time to play! Make sure to dress warm so you can enjoy the snow at recess time boys and girls.

See you next time!

-Ms. Massey

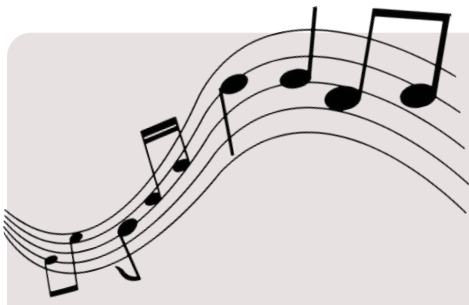


# Room 15 - Ms. Vo

Our classroom students started reading buddy with nursery and kindergarten students in November once a school day cycle. We had fun reading different kinds of books to the little ones, answering their questions, and explaining what happened in the books. We are looking forward to having a play day with them either in the classroom or outside building snowmen, making snow angels, or building a snow fort. We are working on a zoo project in which we construct and design a zoo model incorporating what we learnt in science-animal classification, math-perimeter and area, social studies-making legend and mapping, and ELA-writing and representing. Animals will be selected in the zoo. We calculate the perimeter and area of the buildings in the zoo. Then, a map will be made with a legend. After we are done with the model, we are going to write to provide information about the zoo, and share it with other students in the classroom.

Ms. Vo





## Music and Integrated Arts -Ms. Neufeld

Congratulations to the Weston Choir for their first performance as a choir at the Remembrance Day Assembly. They sang beautifully , and really helped to bring meaning and solemnity to the service.

“Share the Joy” is the title of our Winter concert, and is our next exciting whole school musical event, coming to you live and in person. We’re very excited to be back to celebrate the season together with a variety of songs, dance and stories about what brings us joy. Please join us on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 in the gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

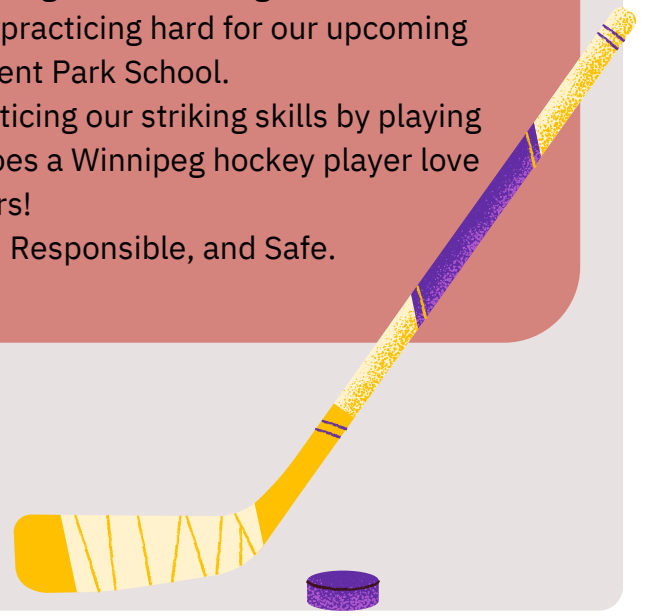


## Physical Education - Mr. Shannon

Hello to all the Hawk families! I want to thank all the parents who found time to be with us during parent teacher conferences. It was a pleasure to meet all of you. During the month of November we have been working on our striking skills. We even started a triple ball team! Our Hawks have been practicing hard for our upcoming tournament next month at Sargent Park School.

As we move into December we will continue practicing our striking skills by playing pilo polo and hockey. Joke of the month: What does a Winnipeg hockey player love to eat? Ice berg'ers!

As always, remember to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.  
Mr. Shannon





# December 2022



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			Day 6 1	Day 1 2
Day 2 5	Day 3 6	Day 4 7  Parent Nutrition Bingo 1:00  Intermediate Choir - Lunch	Day 5 8	Day 6 9
Day 1 12  Spirit Week  Santa's Workshop	Day 2 13  Spirit Week	Day 3 14  Spirit Week  Parent Council Meeting 3:15pm	Day 4 15  Intermediate Choir - Lunch Spirit Week Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. Doors Open at 6:00	Day 5 16  Spirit Week
Day 6 19  Grade 6 Girls Club - Lunch	Day 1 20	 21  Student Pancake Breakfast Last Day Before Winter Break	 22  Winter Break	 23  Winter Break
 26  Winter Break	 27  Winter Break	28  Winter Break	29  Winter Break	30  Winter Break

## Important Dates at a Glance

- December 15 - Winter Concert
- December 21 - Last Day of school
- January 5 - School Resumes

## Parent Council Meetings

The second Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 3:15 PM. All parents are welcome, so please join us. Please call the school or send back the form by Tuesday, November 1st so that we can ensure that we have enough snack of all to enjoy. This meeting the focus will be on library focus, lunch program, Parent Programs and Community Programs. The meetings are scheduled for: December 14th, January 11th, February 8th, March 15th, April 12th and May 17th.