



VICTORY SCHOOL

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Families have now had the opportunity to review Term 1 Report Cards and attend conferences, and we hope that these have been meaningful ways to learn about the work we are doing at Victory School and that they help you feel informed about your child's progress!

If you've ever had questions about the Report Card, you probably aren't alone. Report Cards provide a snapshot of a student's progress over a term and learning in various subject areas, but they don't always tell the full story of a student's growth. Reading your child's report card, you will likely notice that the comments tell you much more than the grades, sharing the many strengths and gifts that your child contributes to their classroom community, as well as challenges and next steps that will further their learning.

Over the years, education has changed, and assessment of learning is based on *much* more than just assignments and tests. Conversations, observations, explorations, field trips, and hands-on learning experiences all provide different ways for students to grow and demonstrate their learning. We sincerely thank you for being partners in your child's learning and look forward to continuing this journey together!

-Mr. Volk

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Please send your child to school with winter-appropriate clothing, including a warm jacket, snow pants, boots, mitts, hat and scarf/face covering. Our recess periods are 20 minutes each and all students are expected to be outside for the breaks. Our cut-off for indoor recess is -27°C (as reported at The Forks by weather.gc.ca).

Be mindful of **winter parking bans from November 1st through the end of April**. Download the "Know Your Zone" app to be alerted when bans are in effect.

Thank you!





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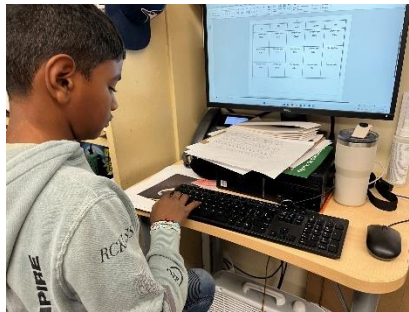
VICTORY SPOTLIGHT

This month's *Victory Spotlight* is from Room 12:

Explorations:

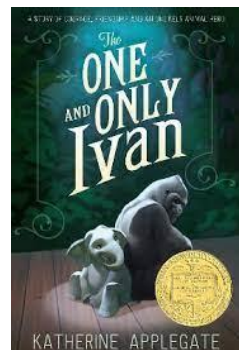


Our class has been working on explorations this term. It's like science, math, social studies, literacy and art all put together. You get to learn about different stuff you didn't know about, teach others about your topic and do research to find out more. We are working on our own, in small groups and we meet together to talk about our plans and ask each other questions. Keep an eye out in the hallway by Room 12 for more of our work. These pictures show explorations of natural disasters, friction, emperor penguins and floating/sinking!



Novel Study:

We recently finished reading the book "The One And Only Ivan" as a class. Ivan is a silverback gorilla who lives in a cage in a mall. He has a few animal friends who live there in different cages and he loves painting. Even though we loved the story and can't wait for our next book, it was sad and emotional. The book had parts that talked about loss of families, death, big feelings and other serious situations that we worked through as a group. We also found lots of ways we could connect this book to residential schools. Even though it might feel challenging, we recommend this book to anyone who can relate to losing someone in their family.





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Victory Spotlight Cont'd...



Composting:

For the past few months, we have been collecting compost for the whole school on Thursdays. We noticed that the compost bins had goo in the bottom that was crusty, musty and dusty so now we are picking it up twice a week instead. Someone comes to pick up the compost and brings it to the Aki Centre where it gets processed to use in gardens. Please use the compost bins as much as you can!

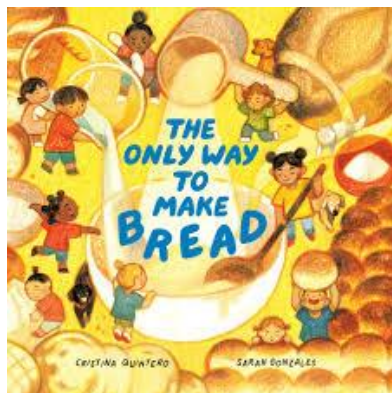
VICTORY READS

Our December *Victory Reads* title is...

The Only Way to Make Bread

Written by: Christina Quintero

Illustrated by: Sarah Gonzales



A delicious exploration of all kinds of breads, from sourdough to Bannock to bao, that will tickle your taste buds and warm your heart.

This tasty celebration of all kinds of bread will tempt bread lovers big and small. No matter what kind of bread you like to make, this book is for you!

Check in every month for a *Victory Reads* update and share the love of reading and learning with your child!



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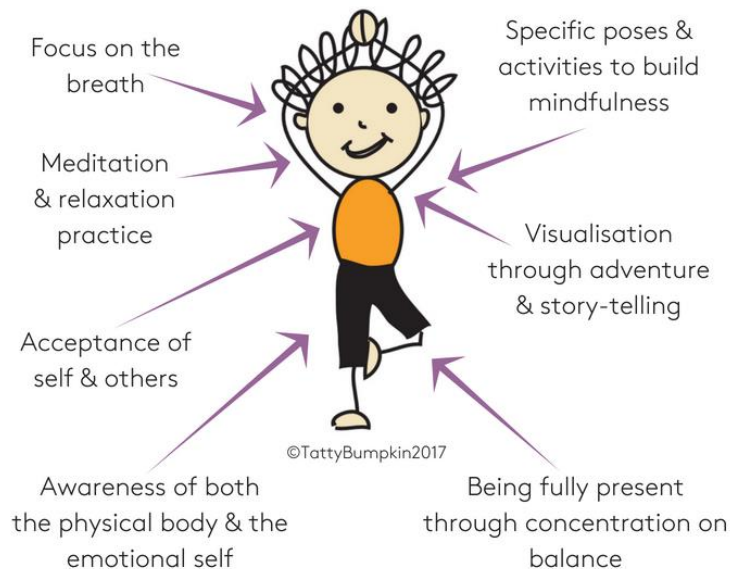
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MONTHLY MINDFULNESS

BENEFITS OF YOGA!

Yoga is a fun activity you can do anywhere with anyone. Whether you are stuck inside on the colder winter days or enjoying the sun in your backyard, the benefits of yoga for kids are endless. It's a great routine to start the day or a fun activity during the afternoon or even before bed. Check out the links below to get some kid inspired ways to make yoga a part of your daily routine. You can also search [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#) or [yogapalooza](#) on YouTube and a ton of cool story videos will pop up. Grab a beach towel to help kids know the space they can work in and PRESS PLAY! Once kids are familiar with the poses turn the screen off and just have the sound on, makes it a bit more challenging! Namasté

How yoga promotes mindfulness for children





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MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this years **CBC Music Ensembles!** Students in rooms 1 and 5 came together to create our Grade 3 and 4 Vocal Ensemble and students in rooms 6, 9 and 18 created our Grade 4 and 5 Instrumental Ensemble. Students who participated in these ensembles attended many recess practices, and some students brought instruments home for extra practice. Both ensembles enjoyed performing Yohahíyo (The Good Road) by Kristi Talbot and Shawnee Kish. The song is sung in Mohawk and English and is this year's Indigenous language song for the CBC Music Class Challenge. We would like to thank to Ben Ross from the Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre for recording our performances.

You can check out our videos on the **CBC Music Class YouTube Channel:** [CBC Music Class - YouTube](#)

Victory School Grade 3 and 4 Vocal Ensemble

["Yohahí:yo \(The Good Road\)" - Victory School \(Gr. 3/4\) #cbcmusicclass](#)

Victory School Grade 4 and 5 Instrumental Ensemble

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Carolling in Our Community

Victory School Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes have been invited to sing at 765 Aikins, a 55+ residence, located behind the Main Street IGA. We will be walking to the home to sing for the residents.

December 9th: Rooms 12, 7 and 19

December 10th: Room 8 and 17

Our older students have been invited to sing at the Luther Home, which is located at 1081 Andrews. Once again, we will be walking to the home to sing and play the recorder for the residents.

December 12th: Grade 4 & 5 Recorder Club and Room 5

If they would like, students are welcome wear a Santa hat, Elf hat, Holiday Headband, or toque. A note with additional information will be sent home and will also be posted on SeeSaw.



December

Follow us on
Instagram!
@victoryschoolmb



Winter Break starts:
Monday, December 23, 2024
School Reopens:
Monday, January 6, 2025

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	3 Rm 5 Swimming Rm 19 Learn to Skate	4	5 Rm 7 Learn to Skate	6	7
8	9 Rm 8 Learn to Skate Carolling (R.12, 7, 19)	10 Rm 7 Learn to Skate Carolling (R.8, 17)	11 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	12 Carolling (Rec Club, R.5)	13	14
15	16 Rm 8 Learn to Skate	17	18 Free Pizza Lunch	19	20 Last Day of School for 2024	21
SPIRIT WEEK – SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS!						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
← Winter Break →						
29	30	31			See you in the New Year!	
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Victory Spirit Week



**MONDAY
DEC. 16**

WINTER WHITEOUT

Wear white. Classes make snowflakes to decorate our school.

**TUESDAY
DEC. 17**

SPORTS DAY

Wear any sports gear or colours. GO JETS GO! Students watch a Staff vs. Staff floor hockey.



**WEDNESDAY
DEC. 18**

COMFY COZY DAY

Wear your coziest outfit. School-wide pizza lunch provided for all.



**THURSDAY
DEC. 19**

FUN HAT/HAIR DAY

Dress up your head with something fun. Use your head for holiday trivia.



**FRIDAY
DEC. 20**

HOLIDAY DRESS UP

Wear holiday colors or festive attire. Popcorn & movie in the gym.





Parent and Child Preschool Program

Room 16 – Community Connections

Victory School

December 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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NO PROGRAM

Preschool Program
9:15 – 11:00

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LAST PROGRAM

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

-----WINTER BREAK-----

29 30 31

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ALL PROGRAMS WILL RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13, 2025