



Dear Victory Families,

January seemed to fly by! While we were fortunate to have several days of unusually mild winter weather for the start to the year, we are now returning to more typical temperatures for Winnipeg. We will continue with our past practice of students going outside for movement breaks unless the temperature is -27 degrees or colder. Our older students (Grades 3 & up) have the option of participating in 'polar bear recess' where they go outside for shorter amounts of time.

I Love to Read month is just around the corner. We have many engaging experiences planned that are designed to instill a love of literacy. Our school Instagram and Twitter accounts will highlight activities such as:

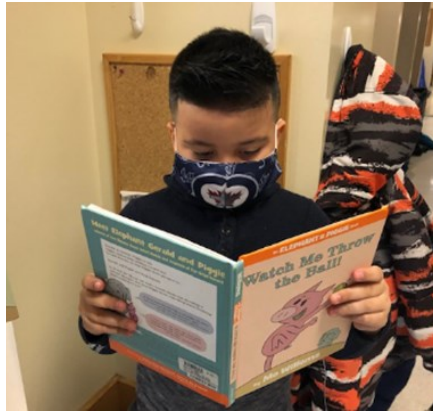
- Students participating in 'stop everything and read' moments in the school day
- Classrooms listening to guest readers around an outdoor fire
- Learning about Festival du Voyageur, including classroom snow sculpture building
- Grade 5's reading stories, making them into videos, and sharing the stories virtually with other classrooms
- Daily riddle announcements

Do you have (or know of someone who has) a child born in 2016? Kindergarten registration begins on Monday, February 22nd, 2021. This year, we are asking all families to register online. If you are unable to register online, you will need to call the school to make an appointment to register in person.

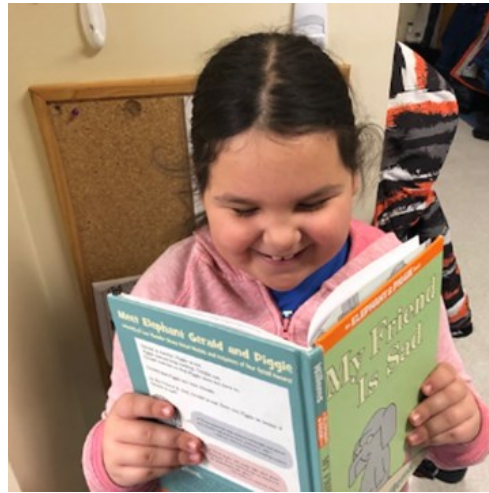
Important reminders:

- Please keep your phone numbers and addresses up to date by calling the office (204-586-9716). It is important that we can contact caregivers in a timely fashion if emergent issues arise with your children.

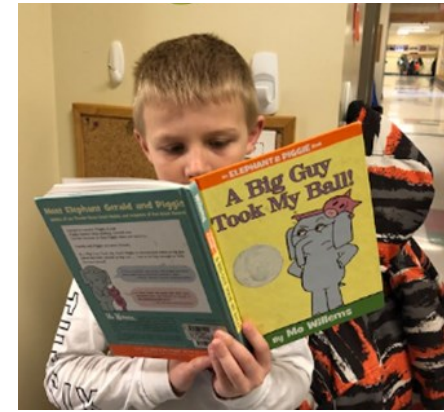
February on Move to Read Month and Room 3 wanted to share some of their favorite books that they have been reading.



"I like Watch Me Throw the Ball because Piggie found a ball then Gerald said he threw that ball away. I liked the story and how they make the pictures."



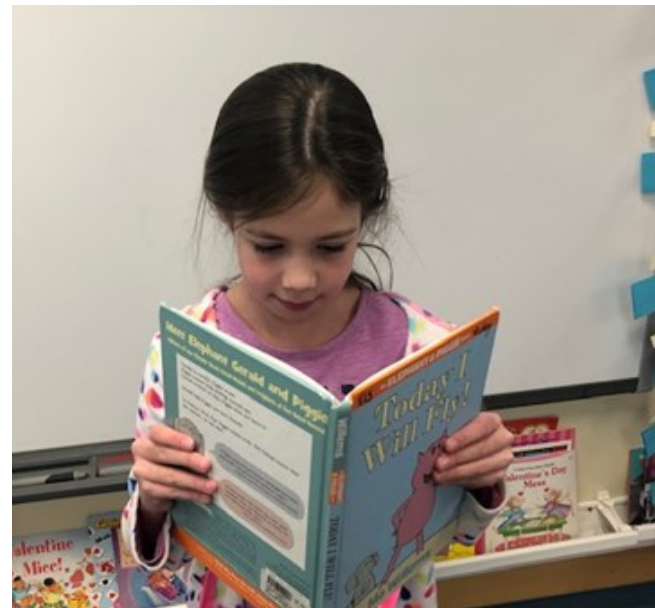
"You have to read this book I like it. It is funny and the words are funny too."



"You have to read Elephant and Piggie Books because they are funny and I like them. I like them because of the characters and I like the author Mo Willems."



"You have to read the book In the Tree House because I like the story. There is a tree house and some people, and in the background I like how they



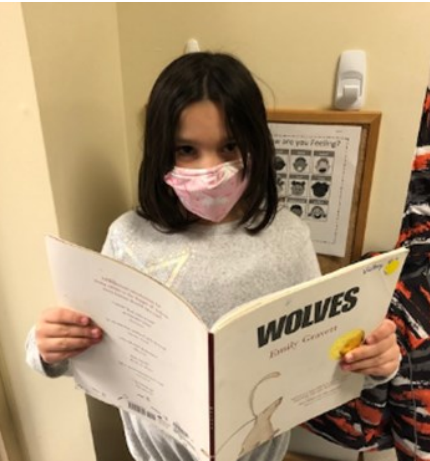
"You have to read this book because it is kind of funny. Piggie is trying to fly and she hops, hops, and hops and it does not work."



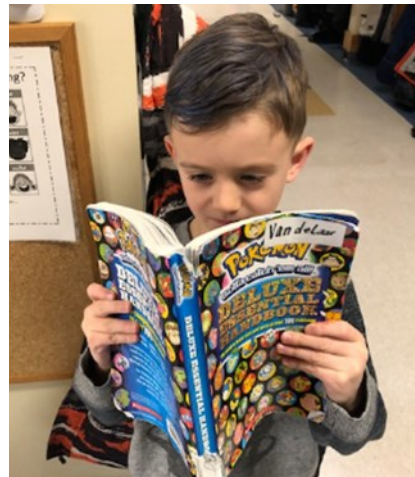
"You got to read Happy Pig Day because Happy Pig Day is funny and the author is good. He writes funny things because he makes them silly."



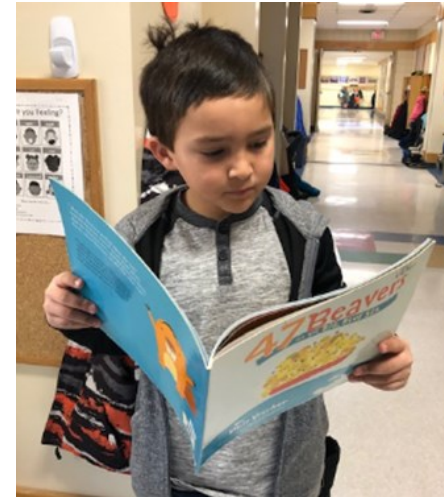
"You have to read this book because there are mermaids in it and they have to find treasures. I like reading about mermaids."



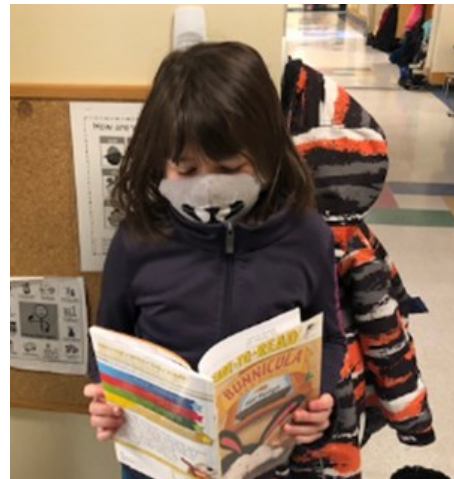
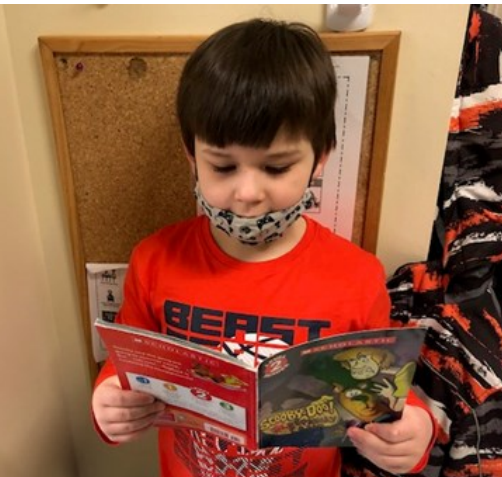
"I like this book because it is nice to read. I like books about wolves and this one has wolf characters."

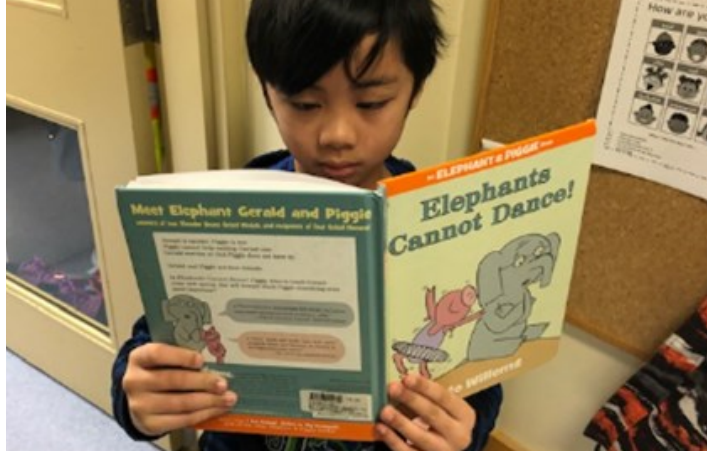


"I like the Pokémon book because there are cool Pokemons in it. I like reading about Pikachu."

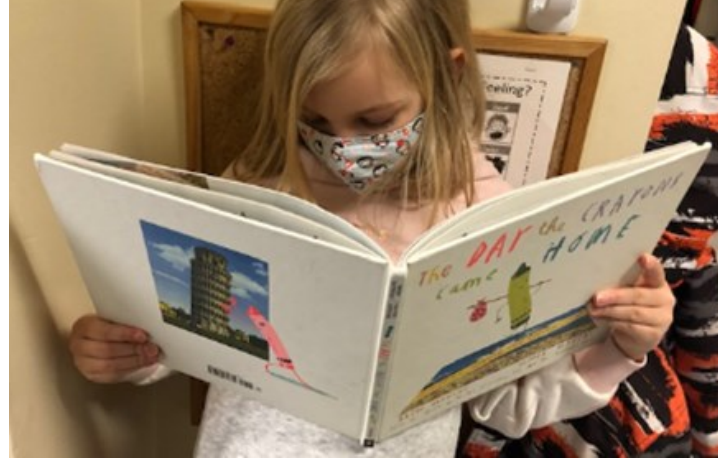


"I like this book because it reminds me of my cabin at Beaver creek."

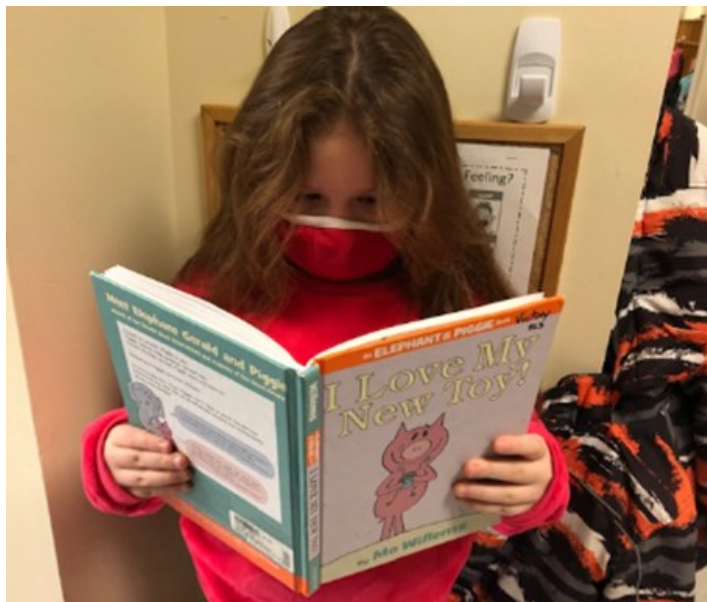




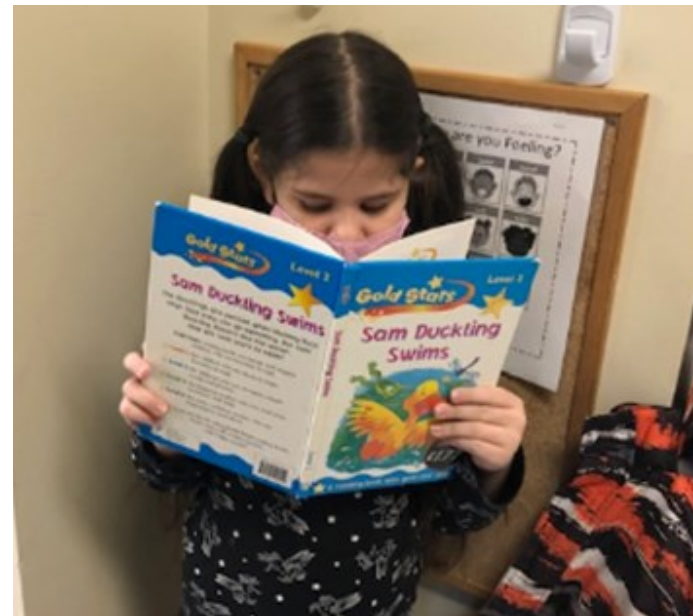
"You have to read this book because it is for kids and because the elephant can dance and it is really funny. I like this authors books."



"I like the book The Day the Crayons Came Home because the characters are funny, they are talking crayons. It tells a little story about the crayons in the messages each of them send."



"I like the book I Love My New toy because Piggie gets a new toy and Gerald thinks it's a throwing toy and then he breaks it and then Piggie got mad."



"I like this book because it is funny. In the book the duck is on a lily pad and the frog is pushing it. When the duck swims to his family he was ready to swim and he was nervous to go in the water."



"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more things you learn



Victory School Present PARENT/CHILD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

All programs are Free of Charge and are for families living in the Seven Oaks School Division catchment.

Programs are for **Parents/caregivers and children ages 0 – 5** and run on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Together, you will take part in free play, story time, rhymes, songs and art exploration. Registration is ongoing.

To register, please fill out the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/sUqnV3ZUw2bvewr37>
You may either click on the link or copy and paste it into your web browser.

For more information, please contact **Veronica Thiffeault, Community Coordinator**, at 204-586-9716 or email at veronica.thiffeault@7oaks.org



Please note, special procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety and well being of all who attend our Parent/Child Preschool Program:

- *Limited number of children per program.*
- *Only one adult per child is to attend.*
- *Hand sanitization is required upon entry to the building.*
- *Social distancing of two meters to be adhered to, except for members who reside in the same household.*
- *Non-medical masks or face coverings are required for adults and encouraged for children. Children under 2 yrs. are not required to wear masks.*
- *Families must go directly to the community room and leave the building immediately following program.*



COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR THE 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR

COVID-19 is a new virus, and there is no vaccine or treatment for it at this time. Most people who get COVID-19 will have mild symptoms, but for some this virus can cause serious illness and even death. Most people who get sick with COVID-19 can recover at home, but need to isolate and monitor their symptoms. Care at home can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and help ensure that health care resources are available to those with severe COVID-19 symptoms requiring hospitalization. Speak to your public health nurse if you are not able to isolate at home. Isolation from other people is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones and people in the community.

Do I need to isolate and for how long?

If you:

- have tested positive for COVID-19 and are well enough to recover at home. Isolate for at least 10 days from the time your symptoms started. During this time, a public health official will call you once daily to ask about your temperature and your symptoms. Your public health official will tell you when you can stop isolating.
- have COVID-19 symptoms, have been tested and are waiting for your test results. Isolate at home while you are waiting to get the laboratory results from a health care provider. If your COVID-19 test results are negative, but you have symptoms, or have travelled or been exposed to a case, you will need to continue to self-isolate (quarantine) for the entire 14 days and until you have been symptom free for 24 hours. If your COVID-19 test results are positive, a public health official will call you.
- have cold or flu-like symptoms but have not been exposed to COVID-19 through travel or contact with a case. People with a new onset of any one symptom listed in column A or any two or more symptoms listed in column B), should get tested for COVID-19.

A

- Fever / chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/ hoarse voice
- Difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

B

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Headache

I Love To Read Month in the Music Room



Kindergarten and grade 1 and 2 students are working on “Sound Stories” for I Love To Read month. A video link will be sent out of our finished pieces.

Voyageurs and their Music

In dance classes, students in grades 1-5 are learning how to do the Red River Jig. We have been practicing the Basic Step and several Fancy Steps, and also having some fun creating our own Fancy Steps. We are watching videos of the Winnipeg dancer Mikey Harris for inspiration. In music, students in grades 3-5 are learning about Voyageurs and are learning to play their music on the barred instruments. Be sure to look on SeeSaw and Twitter!

Videos of our progress will be shared on these platforms.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5—Divisional PD Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Louis Riel Day

FRIDAY, MARCH 19—Parent Teacher Conferences

SPRING BREAK WEEK: March 29-April 2, 2021

FRIDAY, APRIL 16—Divisional PD Day

MONDAY, MAY 24—Victoria Day

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 - Last day of school



Victory School has both morning and afternoon sessions.

The morning class is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon class is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Victory School offers English programming from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

Seven Oaks School Division also offers education instructed in the following languages: ***Ojibwe, Filipino, French, and Ukrainian.***

Should you wish to enrol your child in a language program, please call us at the school. We can provide you with information regarding the catchment/home school for that particular language you choose.



Seven Oaks School Division Transportation

Seven Oaks School division provides transportation at no cost to:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students whose most direct walking distance from home or a designated feeder daycare to an assigned or catchment area school exceeds 1.6 kilometers.

For families that do not meet the above requirements, please call the school office to discuss applying for a fee-for-service transportation application.

Open Houses

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to host in-person Open Houses.

Our schools are still very excited to connect with our families and **Virtual Information Nights** will be offered. Check back to our website for current dates

ALEPH-BET PROGRAM

1007 Sinclair Avenue
204-586-1110

GARDEN CITY C.C

YMCA
725 Kingsbury

KIDI-GARDEN DAY NURSERY

172 Smithfield
204-338-3193

SUNNY MOUNTAIN DAYCARE

Unit 4-1965 Main St

For Preschool – School Age, Grades K-6

Notes: 1.8 Kilometers from Victory School.

Students must be bussed to and from daycare.

Transportation is no charge for children who live in

School Age , Grades 1-6

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Students must be bussed to and from daycare.

Transportation is no charge for children who live in

For Preschool – School Age, Grades K-6

Notes: 1.2 Kilometers from Victory School.

Students must be bussed to and from daycare.

Transportation is available on a user-fee basis

For Preschool – School Age, Grades K-6

Notes: 1.8 Kilometers from Victory School.

Students must be bussed to and from daycare.

Transportation is no charge for children who live in

If your child is registered in any daycare listed above, you will need to also fill out a transportation request form. Forms will be available after Feb 22.

VICTORY BEFORE & AFTER OPERATED BY KIDIGARDEN

Room 2 –395 Jefferson

For School Age, Grades K-6

Located in Room 2 of Victory School. (next to the gym)

There are 10 spaces available for Kindergarten students. **Kindergarten students must be registered**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the registration process will be completed online.

Should you be unable to register on-line, please call the school office to book an in-person registration appointment.

The following is required to register your child for Kindergarten:

- ◆ **Completed registration form** (available after February 22)
- ◆ **2 copies—Proof of address document**

Acceptable documents: Utility bills, lease or home purchase documents, Tax assessment documents. Manitoba Health cards will not be accepted.

- ◆ **1 copy—Proof of birthdate document**

Acceptable documents: Birth certificate, baptismal certificate or passport. Manitoba Health cards will not be accepted.

When registering on-line, it will be helpful to have ready copies/photos of these required documents on the device or computer you will be using at the time of registration. During registration, there will be sections for you to upload the documents into your registration form.

Please note: we will be following up within 2 business days of receiving your online registration to verify your information and complete the registration process.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at **204-586-9716**. We would be happy to help! Stay tuned for our virtual Kindergarten open house that will be shared on our website in the spring.



Our patrol squad has grown!

We now have 31 dedicated patrols helping our students and families safely cross streets and ride the bus. As we have experienced a wide range of temperatures, we have been working with patrols to ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Cold weather clothing and shift guidelines when the temperature OR windchill are as follows:



-9 or above: Patrols go out for their regular shifts of 15 minutes on post. Warm jackets, boots, hats, and mitts are recommended.



-10 to -27: Patrols do regular shifts. They **MUST** wear ski/snow pants, warm jacket, boots, hats and mitts/gloves.



-27 to -34: Patrols will do reduced shifts (5-10 minutes depending on conditions). Patrols **MUST** wear all winter clothing above and a scarf or neck warmer is recommended.



-35 or colder: Patrols **WILL NOT** go out on post.

Thank you to parents for helping your patrols to prepare and dress for the conditions. If you need any of the above items and are having difficulty obtaining them for any reason (retail restrictions, delivery delays, lost items, budget) we can lend them these items for as long as needed. Just have your child ask Ms.

Power patrollers are patrols who are recognized by their supervisors and peers for doing a great job. Power patrollers are on time, dressed appropriately, ready to do their job safely and well. They keep their attention on people and traffic while on post, work well with their partners and captains, ask questions when needed, and act proactively to solve problems. Way to go!

Power patrollers also have their names entered for a draw with CAA Manitoba, a sponsor of the School Patrol program.

December's Power Patrollers were:

Dallas E., Rylan C., and Anexcee H.



January's Power Patrollers are:

Olivia S., A.B., and Parker F.



February 3 *Reading Dress-Up Day*

Dress in clothes with words or as a favourite book character.
Please come to school already dressed in your costume.



February 10th *Reading by the Fire ~ Guest Readers Day*

Classrooms will listen to stories read by special guests outside around a fire pit.

February 17th *Festival du Voyager Day*

Dress up as a voyageur. Additional voyageur activities will be offered and organized by Mrs. Rumak & Mr. Pacag.

February 24th *Pink Shirt Day*

Wear pink to remind ourselves to ***choose kindness*** each and every day!

“This Pink Shirt Day, our focus is working together and treating others with dignity and respect. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all and shown the importance of helping one another and advocating for those who need it. Help us “lift each other up” and support programs that encourage healthy self esteem and teach empathy, compassion and kindness.”

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>



February 1-4 *Stop, Drop & Read*

Each day at a special time, classrooms are invited to pause what they are doing and read books! Each Stop, Drop and Read session will be around 5-10 minutes long.

Mr. Reilly and Room 9 are creating a song that will be played when its time to stop and read.

February 8-12 *Grade 5 Stories*

Grade 5 students have been video recorded reading stories. These stories will be e-mailed out for classrooms to view at their leisure.

February 15-19 *Snow Sculptures Week*

Classroom Teachers can take their classes out at any point during the week to build a sculpture or sculptures.










February 22-26 *Book Shop & Daily Riddle*

Book Shop: Ms. Veronica will be setting up a free Book Shop where students can come with their classrooms to pick a book to keep. Each cohort will be assigned a day to do their shopping in the Art Room.

Daily Riddle: Each class will be asked to choose or create a joke or riddle to share with the whole school.

Make sure to check out the fun *I LOVE TO READ Calendar* on the next page for some fun and creative reading ideas.
If you'd like, please take a photo of our students participating

FEBRUARY IS I LOVE TO READ MONTH

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Day 6</p>  <p>Read a joke book</p>	<p>2 Day 1</p>  <p>Do a crossword puzzle</p>	<p>3 Day 2</p> <p>Dress up day! Wear clothing with words, or dress as your favorite book character!</p>	<p>4 Day 3</p>  <p>Read a comic book</p>	<p>5 Day 4</p> <p>DIVISIONAL P.D DAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>6 Day 5</p> <p>Follow a recipe Bake something</p>
<p>7 Day 5</p>  <p>Read a book about your favorite team or a favorite athlete!</p>	<p>9 Day 6</p>  <p>Read lyrics to a song or read music notes!</p>	<p>10 Day 1</p>  <p>Sharing stories outside around the firepit.</p>	<p>11 Day 2</p>  <p>Start a virtual book club with your friends!</p>	<p>12 Day 3</p>  <p>Read a map and plan an imaginary trip somewhere!</p>	<p>13 Day 4</p> <p>Make a card for sports</p>
<p>14 Day 4</p> <p>WINE'S DAY</p>	<p>16 Day 4</p>  <p>Learn some new French words today</p>	<p>17 Day 5</p> <p>Festival du Voyageur Day</p> 	<p>18 Day 6</p>  <p>Read the grocery store flyers and help make a grocery list</p>	<p>19 Day 1</p>  <p>Design a fun cover for a book idea you have!</p>	<p>20 Day 2</p> <p>Read a story to your family</p>
<p>21 Day 2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>23 Day 3</p>  <p>Read or write a poem today.</p>	<p>24 Day 4</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day Staff & students are encouraged to wear PINK shirts!</p>	<p>25 Day 5</p> <p>100th Day of School!</p> <p>Read a combined total of 100 pages with your family!</p>	<p>26 Day 6</p>  <p>Follow a recipe: help a parent cook something for dinner</p>	<p>27 Day 7</p> <p>Write a story to share. Read it to your family. Have a book share!</p>
<p>28 Day 7</p> <p>Online Kindergarten Registration begins</p>	<p>29 Day 8</p> <p>Read a book about your favorite animal!</p>	<p>30 Day 9</p> <p>Read a book about your favorite animal!</p>	<p>31 Day 10</p> <p>Read a book about your favorite animal!</p>	<p>32 Day 11</p> <p>Read a book about your favorite animal!</p>	<p>33 Day 12</p> <p>Read a book about your favorite animal!</p>