



SEVEN OAKS  
SCHOOL DIVISION  
*community begins here*

# O. V. Jewitt Community School

## REPORT TO COMMUNITY 2012-2013



### Playscape & Outdoor Classroom

- Addition of a tractor to our playscape where young children can engage in creative play. Other components include: log cabins, water feature, canoe, and forest
- Classroom gardens
- Creative play and curricular connections through the outdoors
  - Writing
  - Art
  - Science
  - Math
  - Reading
- Community gathering/meeting place, including a chess/checker table and pergola
- Alternative classroom space
- Shared use with O.K. Before & After Day Care and O.V. Jewitt Family Centre

### Field Trips

- Aviation Museum
- Manitoba Museum and Planetarium
- Fort Whyte
- St. Boniface Museum
- Oak Hammock Marsh
- Children's Museum
- Living Prairie Museum
- Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Steinbach Museum
- Mariash Quarry
- Winnipeg Art Gallery

### Healthy Living

- Spirit Week: "Earth Week" focus
- Intramurals
- Interscholastic Sports
- Regular Phys. Ed. classes
- Middle Years daily Active Living Breaks
- TAS: Fun & Fitness
- Fitness Programs
- Family Life
- Terry Fox Run
- Outdoor Education
- Winter Activity Days
- Classroom focus on fitness/movement breaks
- Middle Years Life Days
- Grade 4 and 4/5 dance class
- Classroom discussions on nutrition/healthy snacks
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Running Club
- Grade 1 Learn to Skate
- Grade 4 Swimming Program



### Learning Through the Arts

- Middle Years outings to Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP)
- Middle Years Band Program
- Middle Years Choirs
- Early Years Choirs
- Guitar Club
- Grade 4/5 and 5 Dance Classes
- Grade 5 WSO: Adventures in Music
- K-5 Music Program
- Guitar and ukulele
- Carolling in December
- Family Evening: Easter Egg Decorating
- Freeze Frame Festival
- Easter egg painting family evening
- Henna family evening
- Incorporating Aboriginal Perspectives into classroom
- Grade 5 Arts Camp
- Classroom book publishing and illustration
- Middle Years Exploratory classes
- Special Events such as the K-3 performance of "Bugz," Grade 4 and 5 production of "Bones"
- Choir and Band concerts
- Grade 4/5 and 5 Arts Camp
- Classroom Art Experiences
- Working with Clay
- TAS: Musical Experience
- Arts in the Park Grades 1-8
- OVJ's Got Talent Grades 1-8



### Roots of Empathy

- Classroom based program
- Regular monthly visits from a baby and parent
- Development of empathy and identifying feelings
- One family participated this year!



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## **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- Street Patrols/Kindergarten Patrols
- Buddy reading
- Buddy iPads
- Buddy skating
- Pickle sales
- Student/Classroom initiatives: Sam's Christmas, "Koats for Kids," United Way
- WE Day: Support to local and global actions
  - Fundraising through sale of friendship bracelets for education in Ghana
  - Put Your Best Food Forward: Supporting Acts of Kindness
  - We Create Change Program: Raised \$300.00 in pennies for clean water overseas
- Recycling (Grade 4 classrooms)
- Keeping Balance Leadership Conference
- Phys. Ed. Leadership
- School-wide Anti-bullying Awareness
- Girlz Jam
- Unite to Change Conference

## **FAMILY CENTRE**

- Meeting place for pre-school families
- Rich learning environment for young children and parents
- Connecting families with O.V. Jewitt School
- Recognizing community diversity e.g. Multi-cultural potluck
- Evening family events: Winter Craft Night, Gym Nights
- Family Literacy Day
- Diwali Celebration

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF**

- Learning through inter-active play
- K-5 Teacher Talk: Supporting EAL students and the importance of play
- Cultural Diversity in Canadian Schools
- Drama, Art and Literacy (Guest Presenter – U of M)
- Classroom workshops integrating drama, literature and social studies (Guest Presenter – U of M)
- Educational Leaves: Developing Imagination and Critical Thinking, Inquiry through Literature
- Aboriginal Perspectives: The Blanket Activity – understanding the impact of European contact on First Nations People
- Individual Teacher Professional Development – e.g. Penny Kittle: Middle Years Writing, Mental Math and Computation, The Language Rich Classroom
- Provincial Report Card Session
- Grade 1 Early Literacy Sessions

## **LITERACY**

- Guided Reading, literature circles, novel studies, poetry, story writing, drama, puppet plays, classroom book publishing
- Classroom connections to Aboriginal Perspectives
- Penpal experience and multi-cultural potluck
- Play/drama/art connections to literacy: facilitated by a guest from University of Manitoba
- Connection between play and story writing
- Purchase of Punjabi and Tagalog books for the library
- Purchase of literature reflective of Aboriginal Culture
- See Spot Read: The Winnipeg Humane Society Reading Program

## **MATHEMATICS**

- Focus on number sense
- Hands-on math workshops using a variety of manipulative materials
- Cross-curricular connections between math and other subject areas

## **TECHNOLOGY**

- iPads
- Utilized technology as a tool for learning e.g. classroom cameras, research, presentations, iPads
- Stop Animation
- Classroom videos/projects and presentations
- Interactive Technology: Smart Boards and projectors