



A message from our Administrators

Another month has flown by and there is so much to recognize and celebrate. It has certainly been a learning experience and if we take a moment to reflect on where we've started to where we are, there is much to be proud of. I would like to thank our students and our families for all that you have done to make these first few months promising, energizing and so completely worthwhile. I know the opportunity to meet with families and students during our first round of Family/Teacher conferences has given our teachers great insight and a deeper feeling of connection with you. Thank you for participating.

Our Grade 1-9 Progress Reports will be coming out on November 27th. As part of the reporting will be reflective of student learning behaviors, we will be leaning on you to help us with that. We are aware that many of you are sitting beside your children, supporting them and guiding them in ways that we cannot. We hope to work together with you as we think about who your children are as learners and how we can collaboratively work together to nurture their continued growth.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kristen Mathison
Lorraine Martin-Fitzgerald

November 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

November 6th – Remembrance Day
Assembly (10:50AM)

November 9th & 10th – No school

November 11th – Remembrance
Day. No School.

November 17th – Quarter 1 ends
(grades 10-12)

November 18th – Quarter 2 begins
(grades 10-12)

November 27th – Progress reports
(grades 1-9)

Check us out!

Our blog is up and running! Say up to date by going to:
<http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/spiritelearning/>

REMINDERS

Contact Info –

You can contact our Administrative Assistant at 306-683-2870 or by email at elearning@spiritsd.ca

Daily Schedule (grades k-9) –

9AM – First meeting of the day

1PM – Second meeting of the day

3PM – Final meeting of the day



Mistakes we have made!

Whoops! We all make mistakes!
Here's some of ours from October!

- After scheduling ALL our interviews and giving parents an option to choose a phone or Google meeting, we realized that we only had 1 phone in our office, and 8 teachers who needed to use it! We did learn how to make calls through Google Meet, which was a valuable discovery.
- Our automated response call number for absences was actually the number of our Superintendent! He generously fielded a few calls for us while we got it changed to our correct number.
- Mrs. Friesen sent a link to her class and asked them to complete an assignment. Turns out it was a link intended for teachers, not students.

People
are supposed
to make
mistakes.
that's why we
have erasers.

BRITTANY McMAHAN
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A few things to note...



School photo inquiries

Please know that at this time we are not planning on having school photos due to the complexity of having students from all around the division. If there is enough interest, it is something we are hoping to look into in the spring when we can be outside in a safe environment.

Tech help

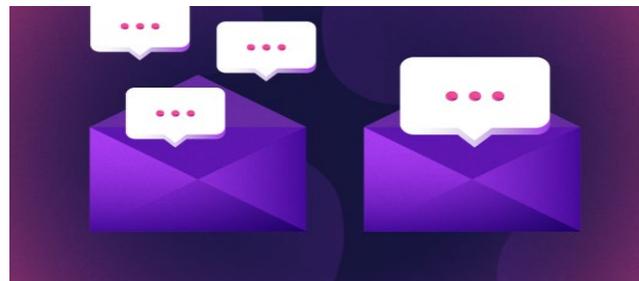
As we settle into November, we would like to thank our tech team for all their hard work over the last few months! Any tech questions will now be directed to the SeLS office. If you have any issues, please call 306-683-2870 and we will do our best to help!

Emails from the school

Please be sure to check your email daily. Because we are strictly an online only school, all our communication will be through email. If you are not receiving emails, please contact the office to make sure we have the most up-to-date information for you or check your junk mail to make sure information is not being missed. You can also check our blog <http://blogs.spiritsd.ca/spiritlearning/> for any information you think you may have missed.

After hours communication

Please be mindful of after hour messaging and emailing. Because our school is online and connected to our personal phones, we want to make sure our teachers are taking time for their families and themselves.



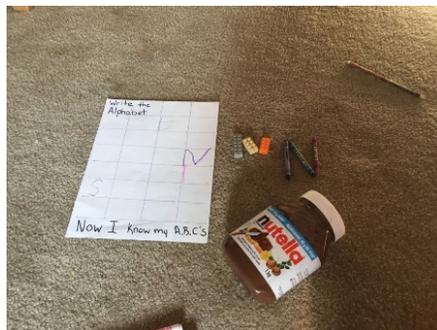
Remembrance Day assembly

We will be hosting our first ever assembly on November 6th. We will be marking Remembrance Day by hosting a Google Meet for all our families to attend. We ask that families with more than 1 child in SeLS attend through one device. Please watch for an invite in your child's mailbox. You will be able to join the meet at 10:50AM and expect it to last until 11:15. We will be honoring the 1 minute of silence at 11AM and will have a few students read poems to follow.

Welcome to our classrooms!

Mrs. Ulliyott's Kindergarten class

"The Kindergartens have been busy getting to know each other and discovering how we can play, explore and learn together in a virtual environment. We have been learning about patterns, emotions, nature and what makes us special. During each day, we meet individually with our teacher Mrs. Ulliyott and in small groups for our interactive learning time. We also have five online learning invitations to explore and discover each day. We are looking forward to working with PSSD's Distance Learning Facilitator Rob Troupe, as he takes on the character of Calvin the fish to help us explore the connections we have between our environment and our experiences. It has been so exciting to see the magic and wonder of learning emerge in this new and different environment. Our families and supports have done an outstanding job supporting our learning and coming up with creative ideas and solutions to enrich our activities with what we have in our homes! We look forward to all the wonderful learning and adventures we will have this year together!" - Michelle Ulliyott



Mrs. Houseman's Grade 1 class



“In grade one, we have been busy learning. We have been working hard on spelling and knowing our sight words. For the past few weeks, we have been looking at different ways and strategies to read a book. The grade one loves to read! We have been looking at new ways to write out our stories onto papers. The grade ones have been creating wonderful stories about all different topics and have been enjoying sharing them in our meetings. We have been looking at our number sense and learning all about addition. We have been exploring our math outside and seeing how numbers can be in nature too. Family has been a topic in our class, and we have been exploring all fun and unique things about our families. We have been exploring our five senses in science and have been doing some experiences to learn all about our senses. I have been learning so much about the grade ones with our health topic which is ‘All about me’. I am very proud of my grade ones and we are so excited to keep learning!” – Natalie Houseman

Mrs. Jorgenson's Grade 2 class

Our grade two class has been very busy so far this fall learning about each other and ourselves. We have spent quite a bit of time learning about our own and each other's heritages. We have been focusing on how to build our class community in our online world! We are having so much fun chatting and getting to know each other more and more every day. The grade twos are really expanding their knowledge of technology as they try out new websites and different ways to demonstrate their learning. We have also jumped into so many of our own “just right” books and are using our reading strategies all the time. We have been exploring finding our hearts in our writing by focusing on what are the important pieces in the writing process. We know that what we think, we can write! In math, we have just finished up looking at patterning and are learning how these patterns can translate into our number sense. We have also spent time in our online care partners with the grade 5's in Mrs. Friesen's class! We are building amazing relationships! I am absolutely loving getting to know the grade twos, and the support they have for each other in the class every day is amazing. I am so proud of them, and I hope they are proud of themselves, too! - Taylor Jorgenson

