

# Fisher Branch Early Years small talk



## December 2023

### *Important Dates*

- Dec 1 Hot Dog Day
- 15 Popcorn Day
- 20 Christmas Concert
- 22 Hot Dog Day
- Last Day Of  
Classes Before  
Winter Break
- Jan 8 Classes Resume
- Feb 2 No School  
Inservice Day
- 19 No School  
Louis Riel Day



It's getting much colder outside. Your children should wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

They do go outside for recess each and every day!



### Principal's Message . . .



What wonderful temperatures we have been enjoying as we close on the fall season!

Over the past three months, all staff here at FBEYS have demonstrated their ongoing commitment and dedication to ensuring that teaching and learning is at its highest. I am privileged to work with such an amazing team, each one prioritizing your child's best interest, wellbeing, and academic success. Thank you to our custodians, our educational assistants, our secretary, our teachers, our substitute teachers, and to our bus drivers, each working in partnership to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. It truly takes the efforts of the entire community and Fisher Branch is exceptional in their support!

Thanks to all who attended our school Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 10th. A special thanks to Ms. Joanne Smith for playing Last Post/Reveille on bugle.

Our first term of school has flown by quickly, and report cards and conferences are complete. I would like to thank all our parents who participated in our Parent/ Teacher conferences on November 20th. We had a wonderful turnout of 92% on this day!

We are extremely excited to be practicing for this year's Christmas Concert. Due to the high numbers of parents and community members who support our concerts, we are asking for extended family and community members to please consider attending the afternoon performance and parents to attend in the evening. This may lessen the amount of audience members in the evening as seating is limited.

We welcome our students back on Monday, January 8th - safe, rejuvenated, and excited for the new year. With the return, we will be starting the school skating program. Please watch for information/ permission slip before the winter break.

In closing, have a safe and joyous holiday and a Happy New Year! Please enjoy time with your friends and family and remember that the spirit of the season is one of love, generosity and of kindness.

Sincerely, Mrs. Angela Caines

Thanks to all of you, our recent Book Fair was a gigantic success! We sold a ton of books (\$4,516), which in turn will enable us to add many more books to our school library.



Thank you so very much to the ladies of the Fisher Branch Women's Institute for donating so very generously to our school skating program.



School skating would not be available without this support.



**School Skating will begin the 1st week in January. Start looking for your skates & helmet! Parents are more than welcome to come and tie skates.**

Time/Date	Bus Loading	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23	Mar 1	Mar 15
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## Our Christmas Concert is on December 20th



**Afternoon Concert @ 1:30      Evening Concert @ 7:00**

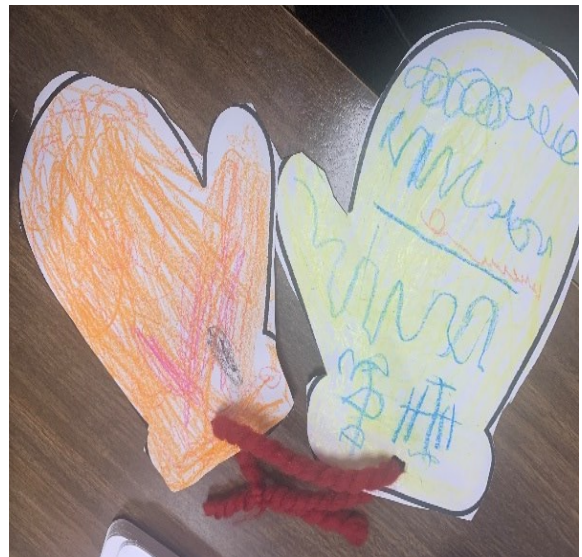
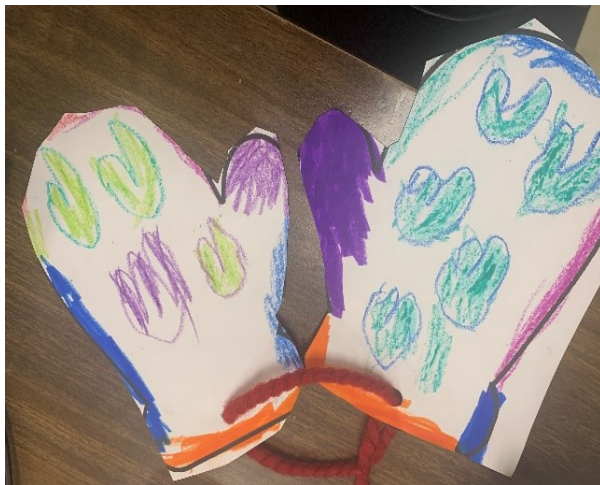
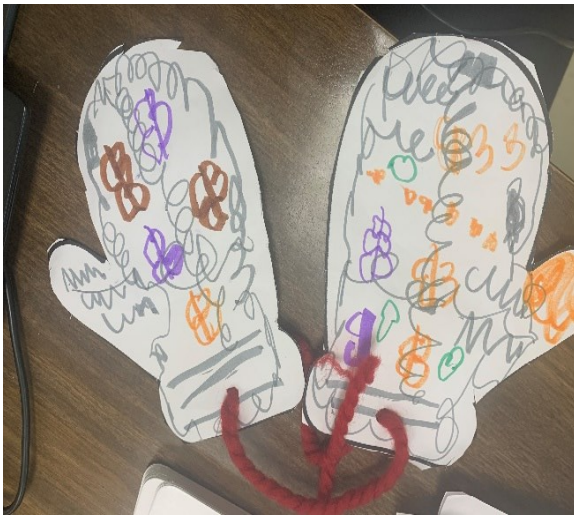
We will be having a *Silent Auction* during our evening concert. It would be wonderful if each family could donate an item toward this event. We will also be collecting non-perishable food for a Christmas Hamper.



# Mrs. Paslawsky Kindergarten



The Kindergarten class had lots of fun participating in activities based on the book, "The Mitten." We read the story and discussed the different animals found in the book. We did a sorting activity where we needed to sort the animals that were in the mitten and those that were not in the mitten. We coloured our own mitten books and practiced reading them together as a class. The Kindergarten class also designed their own pair of mittens – we talked about different designs we might put on our mittens, like shapes, squiggly lines, or polka dots.



# Mrs. Smith Grade 1



The Grade 1 class has been learning about living and non-living things in science. We learned what living things need to survive and then the students created a habitat for an animal of their choosing. The habitat needed to include everything their animal would need for its survival. The students then presented their projects to the other grades to demonstrate their learning! It was an awesome way to share their knowledge and understandings!

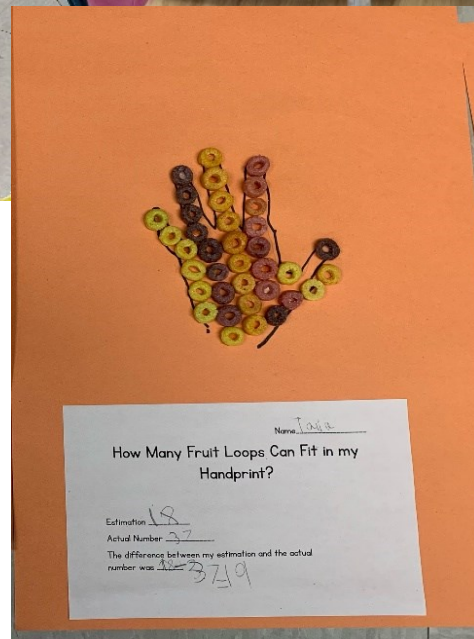
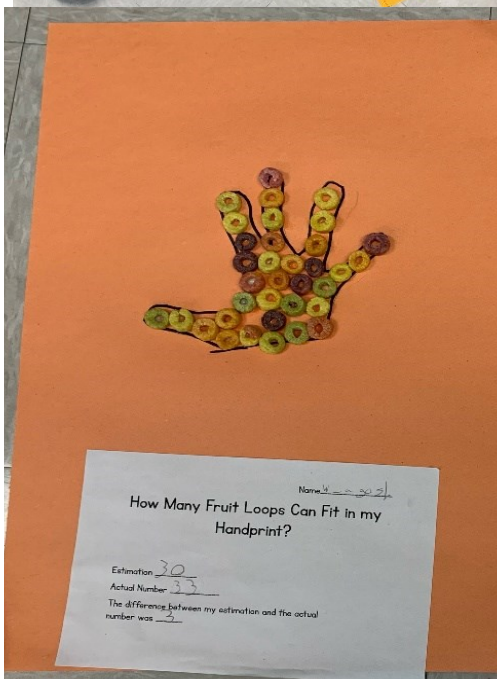


# Mrs. Semenek Grade 2



Our grade two class decided to write about what we have been doing in math this past month. This write up was written as a group by the grade two class:

This month we have been practicing estimating. Estimating is making a reasonable guess. We practice by grouping things into groups of 2, 3, 5 or 10 to make estimating easier. Every week we practice solving different kinds of word problems. We work with partners, on our own, or as a whole class. We try to do one problem a day. Every day in math we do one day in our DMP math booklet. DMP means “daily math problem.”

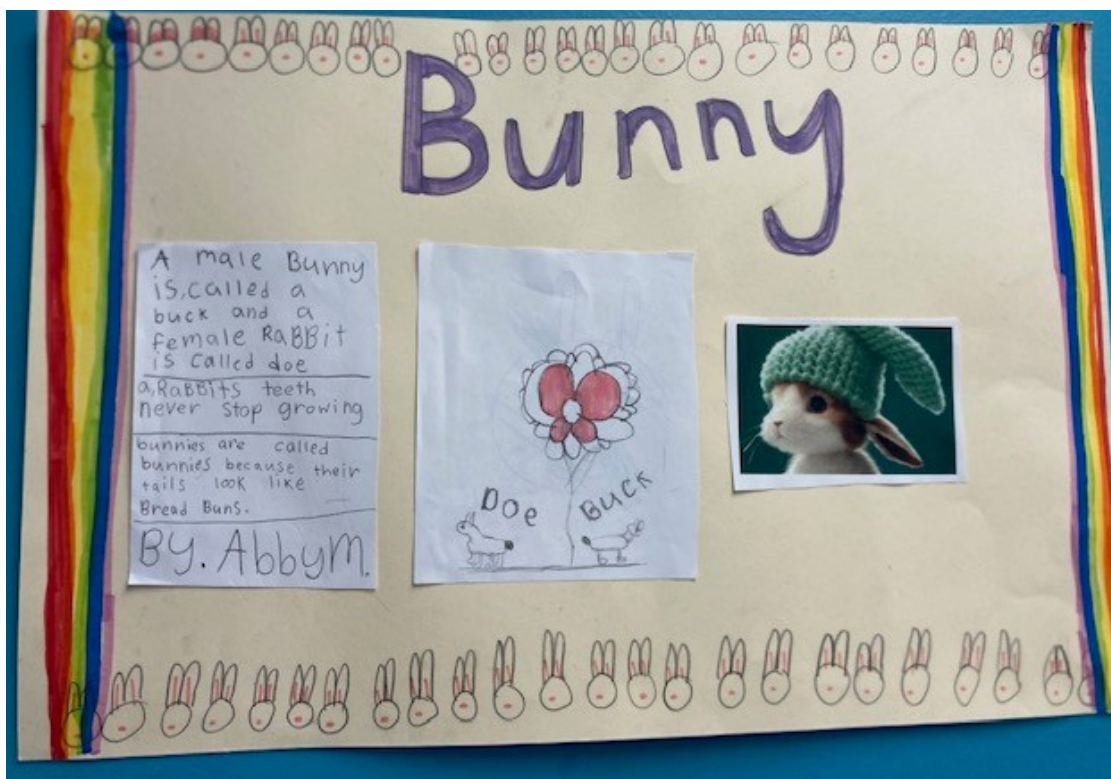


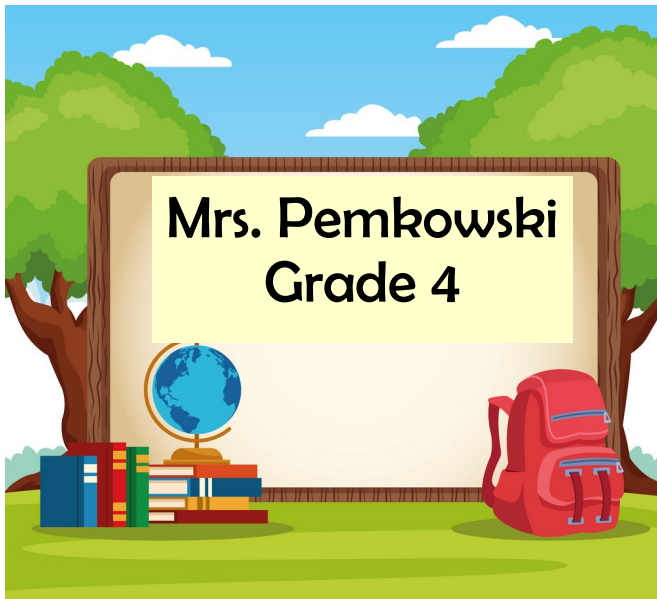


I can't believe it is already December. The year has moved so fast. The Grade 3 class has been very busy learning new things.

We have started doing Investigations. The students are able to research any topic they are interested in to improve their research skills and learn how to decide what information is important. Their skills have improved a lot.

In math class we have been practicing double and triple digit addition and subtraction. They are encouraged to practice their basic addition and subtraction facts for quick recall.





*These are some pictures of our abstract art.*



This month during Math, we practiced counting and adding base ten blocks.

For WTW, we sorted our words and practiced spelling them out by testing each other on white boards.

During Science we learned that herbivores are plant eaters, carnivores are meat eaters, and omnivores eat both plants and meat.

For WIN time we are working on researching a project that we picked to learn about.

In Gym class, we start by doing warm up exercises like running laps and jumping jacks or squats.

During Art we made some abstract art based on the story A Normal Pig. We also did some Remembrance Day art with poppies and soldiers.

On our laptops we play some different games like Raz Kids and Reading Eggs and Prodigy, which is a math game, and you can challenge your friends in it.

During recess we have been enjoying building snowmen and playing in the snow.

In writing we finished our spooky stories and are going to start some winter writing.

For Social Studies we labelled the map of Canada with provinces and are learning the capitals. Ottawa is the capital of Canada!

We started handwriting and learned the letters E, L, T and I.

During lunch if kids behave they will be rewarded with a "super duper lunch room ticket".

There will be a draw at the end of every month.

In Journal writing we had a topic called "Should kids be given allowance money?" We had to answer yes or no and explain why.

During Health we learned about teeth, we have two different parts of our teeth, the top is called the crown and the bottom is called the root, but it is under the gums so you can't see it.

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