

# BROAD VIEWPOINT Newsletter

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## Principal's News

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 16, 2021- SAC/PTO-Parent Holiday Night 5:30 pm
- ◆ December 17, 2021- Polar Express Day-Wear your pajamas
- ◆ January 10, 2022- Early Release Day
- ◆ January 11, 2022- Teacher Planning Day-No school for students
- ◆ January 17, 2022- MLK Day-No School

Dear Broadview families! Season Greetings! In closing 2021 we would like to thank you, as always, for entrusting us with educating your children in becoming future leaders. Our core business of teaching and learning is well underway as we navigate through the second quarter of the school year. Your relationship with your child's teacher is critically important and has a strong correlation with your child's success in school. Continue to monitor classwork, assignments, class tests etc., to gauge your child's academic performance and future success in school. With the holidays approaching, it is an excellent time to make books and other educational materials as part of your gift giving. Ensuring that children do not regress academically during the holiday break should be a priority as far as establishing a reading routine, at home. Your local library, online and

in person, offers excellent resources for all members of the family. Don't forget those that need a helping hand as we proceed through this holiday season. On behalf of my awesome staff, we wish you continue success for the upcoming year!

Proud to be you Principal,

*Dr. Josh Kisten*

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# 30 Days of Random Acts of Kindness

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1. Compliment someone
2. Recycle bottles
3. Give a smiley face picture to someone
4. Visit a nursing home
5. Share toys with siblings
6. Make cards for someone
7. Tithe allowance
8. Help someone with yard work
9. Call a grandparent just to say hi
10. Read to a sibling
11. Do an extra chore
12. Bake cookies for someone
13. Write kind words on rocks  
and leave them at a park
14. Let someone go ahead of you in line
15. Smile
16. Create care packages
17. Put change in a vending machine
18. Write letters to the military/veterans
19. Eat with someone new at lunch
20. Encourage someone
21. Help clean up a mess
22. Tell your parents you love them
23. Clean your room without being asked
24. Donate food to a food drive
25. Write a letter to grandma
26. Give a hug
27. Sponsor a child
28. Bring dessert to the neighbor
29. Make a birdfeeder
30. Ask others to continue  
acts of kindness

kindness  
matters!



We are ½ way into 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter! Here are some things to remember:

- Please make sure your child is doing his/her homework. We get better as we practice!
- Studying is a part of doing spelling homework! Don't let your child just do the writing part of the homework. Make sure he/she is practicing spelling the words, especially now that we are getting into 4 and 5 letter words!
- Second quarter conferences may be happening for you. If you did not meet with your child's teacher first quarter, please be on the lookout for those conference notes and make every attempt to keep assigned appointments.
- Reading should be taking place every night. Fifteen minutes a day... that's all it takes!
- Please check your child's homework folder daily. This is your best way to stay informed as to what is happening in class.

Need ideas for a holiday gift for your child? How about SCHOOL SUPPLIES! This is the time of year when our supplies start running out, and in class we could use more glue sticks, pencils, and colored pencils. Check out your child's spelling notebook... if pages are running out, how about purchasing a new notebook for the new year! You can always bless your child's teacher with them too!!

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Welcome to  
**Kindergarten!**

### Reading

Unit of study : Writers Tell Many Stories

We will explore several authors and their purpose for writing their stories. Students will learn that authors write to entertain us and to teach us lessons. Stories can show how families and friends care for one another. As we read, we will also describe the main character(s), setting, and retell important events in a story.

We will continue to work on letter recognition, letter formation, learning the sounds of letters, and sounding out words as we read and write. We are also focusing on concepts of print (identifying a word, letter, punctuation marks and to tell when we use them.) You can review these as you read.

Please continue to read to your child every night and ask questions about the story. In addition, have the student retell the story.

### Math

In math, we are working on identifying and describing two-dimensional shapes. (circles, triangles, rectangles, squares) Students will learn about the attributes of the shapes. Please continue to help your child to count, write, and identify the numbers from 1-20.

Reminder: Students can access IReady reading and math at home. Please ask your child's teacher for the information.





We are off and running in our final stretch of 2021! December may be a short school month, but it will be PACKED with lots of activities, work, and learning. We have lots to do in a very short time, so please talk with your child about not getting lax in their diligence and homework over the month.

In reading, our students will be looking into an author's point of view and perspective in a text. Students will need to differentiate between the two and be able to show evidence in the text that lends to the point of view or perspective.

In math, we are continuing to practice multi-digit multiplication and division, as well as understanding the factors and multiples of a number. It is very important that students are memorizing their math facts, so please have them study flashcards or use our fluency programs to practice.

We would like to remind you of a couple housekeeping items also:

- Please make sure you have a routine for collecting papers from your child. Papers that need to be signed must be returned in a timely manner.
- Reading and math homework continues on! Please monitor your child's homework daily, not just for completion, but also for accuracy!
- Don't forget... our Canvas Courses are available for student and parent use!
- Attendance counts! We start our lessons with the second bell, right at 8:00am so please make sure your child arrives to school on time.

From your 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers... have a very happy holiday!



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Dear Parents:

During December, we are focusing on Kindness as the Character Trait. A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous. A caring person considers how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people. Remind your child that they have the power to brighten someone else's day through a simple act of kindness.

Random acts of kindness go a long way! By displaying kindness, your child could be rewarded by their teacher! Each month, one student is chosen as the Kid of Character. Here are some ways to practice being kind with your child:

Below is a calendar with daily activities for students to practice Kindness. Explore the calendar with your child!

**December Kindness 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2. Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3. Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4. Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5. Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6. Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7. Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8. Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9. Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10. Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11. Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12. Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13. See how many different people you can smile at today	14. Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15. Contact an older neighbour and brighten up their day	16. Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17. Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18. Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19. Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20. Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22. Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24. Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25. Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26. Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27. Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28. Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29. Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30. Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31. Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2022				

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During the month of December, we will be concentrating on the following standards and skills:

In **Phonics** - R-controlled vowels (or, oar, ore, ear, eer, ere)

In **Grammar** - Adjectives, Adverbs, Subject and Object Pronouns, Interjections

In **Reading** - Use main story elements to retell a literary text, Identify different character perspectives, Create mental images about characters and their point of view, Identify and explain a theme, describe story elements, and identify plot structure and identify similes, idioms and alliteration

In **Math** - Two-digit Addition with and without regrouping, solve one- and two-step word problems, Add up to four two-digit numbers using strategies based on place value, and Explain why addition and subtraction strategies work.



*This month, our Third Graders are focusing on...*

**Reading:** We are still full swing and enjoying our reading units. Within our units we are learning to identify cause and effect, compare and contrast, points of view, and the importance of paying attention to text features such as maps, timelines, illustrations, captions and more. We are also learning how to compose expository and opinion essays. Our midyear iReady diagnostic will take place this month, that will give us an insight of how the students are progressing and what we need to do to help them with their weakest areas. Please make sure that your child is completing at least 50 minutes of iReady and pass at least two lessons. Also, it is important that they read a minimum of twenty minutes each night as well as answer questions or summarize what they read.

**Math:** We are about to finish with our multiplication and division unit. Students should know their multiplication facts by now. Please help us by ensuring they do Reflex Math on a daily basis until the light turns completely green. Also, by having them go to iReady and complete 50 minutes and pass at least two lessons.

**Important Date to Remember:**

Third Grade Olympics – Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 1:30 PM. Please send your child with a labeled water bottle. If you would like to volunteer on that day, please let your child's teacher know.



Dear Broadview family,

Interims were sent home on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you have connected with your child's teacher or teachers to discuss his/her academic and social successes and next steps. As we approach the end of the second quarter, here is an update as to what skills we have covered so far and what we will be introducing to assist you in preparation for this year's FSA. Finally, we will be spending the last two weeks just before the FSA to revisit & review everything taught during the year as a final preparation for the Florida Standardized Assessment.

**Integrated Literacy:**

In Literacy, students are practicing how to -

- Summarize and synthesize
- Explain how text structure and/or features contribute to overall meaning
- Use Context Clues to determine meaning
- Write expository essays
- Use prepositions and prepositional phrases
- Recognize and correct

**Math**

Skills that we have covered and that your child should have already mastered:

- \* How to represent values in word form, expanded form & standard form
- \* Memorization of the multiplication facts 1 through 12
- \* How to read, write, order & compare numbers including decimal numbers
- \* How to Multiply & Divide whole & decimal numbers
- \* How to Multiply & Divide whole & decimal numbers by powers of 10
- \* Addition & Subtraction of whole & decimal numbers
- \* How to round numbers
- \* Estimation of Sums (+) Differences (-) Products (X) & Quotients (/)
- \* How to use models & diagrams to find solutions to a given problem

When we return from our winter break, we will be introducing our units on fluency with Fractions, Geometry & Measurement.

# LITERACY COACH CORNER



Winter break means a well-deserved reprieve from schoolwork and daily obligations. However, before you know it, the holidays will be over and it will be back to the bus stop, car loop – and of course, eLearning. To prepare for a smooth re-entry and a successful semester, don't let school skills like reading and writing slide completely during winter break. Try these family-friendly activities to keep skills sharp:

### **Read for pleasure.**

Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to stash schoolbooks and read for fun. Encourage relatives to give books as holiday gifts or gather somewhere comfortable to take turns reading books.

### **Make the most of car rides.**

Turn the drive to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice reading strategies and letters and sounds. Don't forget to allow your child to summarize what they've read to you. Ask questions.

By generating questions, students become aware of whether they can answer the questions and if they understand what they are reading. Students learn to ask themselves questions that require them to combine information from different segments of text. For example, students can be taught to ask main idea questions that relate to important information in a text.

### **Have a family game night.**

Chances are many of your family's favorite board and card games reinforce skills such as reading, and writing. Gather the group to play games you usually don't have time for on school nights.

### **iReady**

You and your students have a well-deserved break approaching. It's important to rest and reconnect, but there may be time for students to keep the learning going. *i-Ready* can help! Students can continue to work on their lessons, practice fluency with Learning Games, and engage their families in their progress.





# Christmas Festival

*Tis The Season to Be Jolly*

- Movie
- Crafts
- Treats
- Meet Santa
- Games
- & More!

DEC  
16th

5:30pm - 7pm

Broadview Elementary



