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**Kindergarten February Newsletter**

**Work and play in the classroom**

The Kindergarten students enjoyed learning about the solar system. We will continue to observe the night sky until every student has had the opportunity to add to our night sky book, which has been circulating through the class. We had a lot of astronauts blasting off (in moon boots) in our class-made spaceship, in the dramatic play centre.

**Special Guests**

We have been very lucky to have had Leslie Leong join us to teach us about the solar system through art. The students sculpted a huge solar system out of snow. The Arts Ed-venture program made it all possible! We will be having 3 special guests come in February to try some fun activities with us outside for our forest school program. One guest will be coming with us to try ice-fishing. If you would like to join us, please do!

**Concepts being learned**

We will be starting our new theme for the month of February: Rhyme time.

We are working on the Upper case letters of the alphabet and then we will be having an alphabet celebration. Almost everyone now knows the alphabet names and sounds, and can print and hear the sounds at the beginning of a word and at the end. You can help by playing games, doing puzzles or even just quick recall, to help them master this important skill. We will move onto rhyming and high frequency words in the Fundations program next. We will continue to learn about geometry and measurement in math and also focus on self-regulation, how to be a friend and gaining skills for learning such as listening habits and staying on task. Keep up the good work, Kindergartners!

**Reminders:**

* If you haven’t already, please check to see if your child’s indoor shoes still fit or need replacing. Many feet have grown since September.

**Upcoming Events:**

* **Thursday Feb. 11** -Nicholas Vienneau –Environmental Ed. Activities (10:30-12:00)
* **Friday** **Feb. 19 -** Cabane a Sucre
* **Tues.** **and Wed. Feb. 23-24** –Ms. Rosa –Forest school activities (10:30-12:00)
* **Wednesday, Feb. 24 -** afternoon Rendezvous activities
* **Thursday, Feb**. **18 and 25** –Dean Bennett –ice fishing presentation
* **Friday, Feb. 26** -No school on Heritage Day
* **Wed. March 2** –GMP artic winter games
* **Thursday, March 4** –Report cards go home
* **March 5-20 –**Spring Break
* **Friday, March 25 –**Good Friday –No school
* **Monday, March 28** –Easter –No School

**Kindergarten students’ names** -if students would like to make Valentine cards (great printing opportunity☺), here is the class list of student names: Drayden, Shayola, Ryland, Haruka, Olivia, Oscar, Emersyn, Ayla, James, Fisher, Corbyn, Elliott, Kai, Eleanor, William

Happy February from Mrs. McDowell and Ms. Reid