

# Room 7 Newsletter



Governor Semple School  
October 2017



## Adventures in Autumn

- By Room 7

Prickly pine needles  
Leaves changing colour  
Wasps buzzing everywhere  
Burning summer sun on our backs

Little spits of rain  
Wind blowing in our hair  
Birds flying  
shedding their feathers  
Leaves falling  
covering the ground like a soft and  
crunchy blanket

Yellow leaves swishing in all  
directions  
Dark thunder clouds rolling in  
Crows shouting from above  
Squirrels hiding nuts in the ground

Buffalo roaming prairie fields  
Prairie dogs popping up  
searching for danger  
Trying to catch grasshoppers and  
crickets  
with our nets  
Ducks diving down for food  
We feel cozy in the tipi



**Thank you for all of your support  
in making our Fall week outside a  
success! Please read on to hear  
more about our adventures...**



## Morning Jobs

Each week, students in Room 7 are assigned a special job to complete first thing in the morning. Classroom Journalists are responsible for writing articles for this newsletter! Now that we are inside again and our Job Chart is up and running, you can expect to see an article written by your child one day soon.

## Home Reading



Research shows that reading is the number one way for children to grow as learners! Students can be supported at home by being read to aloud (forcing a child to read aloud themselves can hinder a love of reading), going on regular trips to the public library, as well as scheduling a time at home for daily reading. Students are expected to read at home for **30 minutes per day** this year, and this will be their primary homework. If you are having difficulty encouraging your child to read at home, please let me know so together we can help foster a love of reading!

## Scholastic



Even if you don't purchase anything, browsing a Scholastic order gets every child excited to read! Many of the books featured can be found at school or the library. If you do want to make a purchase, please send cash or cheque (**payable to Carrie Lundy**), or you can pay online. Orders will always be due on the last Friday of the month.

## Home Mathing

Place Value and Multiplication are common areas where most Grade 3 and 4 students could use some extra home support. As we work to understand bigger numbers in the hundreds, and learn more about how multiplication is just a faster form of addition, practicing at home could go a very long way. There are many educational math games available online:

[www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com)

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

Thanks for your support!

## One Week Outside: Autumn

On our week outside we went to the parks, did leaf rubbings, and played real hop scotch. And we played cats and mice with a parachute. It was so fun. We wish we could play it again. It was also fun to do yoga because the whole school was outside altogether in a circle. It was a good day but then it started to rain a little! And we did meditation outside, which was very fun because it was very calming and we could hear the wind and the birds while we breathed. We also created patterns outside using things from nature like leaves, and sticks that fell, and pebbles. We also got to paint outside- we painted with special chalk paint, and we also painted our own rocks for #WinnipegRocks. Then at the end of the week on Friday, we went on a field trip to Fort Whyte Alive. We got to see bison and we got to go critter dipping, where we saw a muskrat in the water. Inside they had stuffed animals that we could pet, like polar bears, beavers, wolves, and other animals from the wild. We had to touch them with only two fingers and very carefully in the same directions that their fur grows. When we got back to school we celebrated our week outside with apple cinnamon tea and maple cookies. Then we got to play. It was an amazing week!

- Gloria and Ava

## Water Bottles



The Supply List sent home in June asked that each student have a re-usable water bottle at school. This is super helpful for hydrating during class time, but especially for field trips and Wednesday Walks. Please send a bottle to school with your child if you haven't already. Thank you!



# Week Outside Highlights

My favourite thing was learning how to play Hopscotch because it was random and I hadn't played it since my old school.

- Noah

My favourite part about being outside was bird watching because I liked wearing binoculars and walking to the park.

- Duncan

My highlight was going to Fort Whyte Alive because I liked seeing the live buffalo. I also got to see a cricket for the first time.

- Graydon

My favourite part was seeing bees buzzing everywhere. I also loved critter dipping at Fort Whyte.

- Payton

My favourite part of being outside was getting to play with the parachute and getting to eat our lunches right under it!

- Maverick

My highlight was going to the small park on Kingsbury because it had a good playground.

- Elliott







My favourite part of being outside was hearing all of the nice birds chirping and feeling the wind blowing on my face.

- Max

I liked being outside because we went to the park and did some leaf rubbings.

- Ava

It was fun to build our patterns outside and we playing Cat and Mouse with the parachute.

- Gloria



I loved going on walks to the park everyday, it was like going on an adventure outside.

- Mylie

My favourite part was going to Fort Whyte Alive and going inside the tipi because it was cool.

- Abby M.

I loved seeing the bison herd at Fort Whyte because they looked cool.

- Orry



My favourite part was going for all those fun walks and to the park because it was good exercise and we got to see cool stuff.

- Kodi

I liked when we went walking to the park because there was a twisty slide there.

- Maddy







I liked when we walked to the different parks because we could play and do leaf rubbings.

- Madeeha

My favourite part of being outside was when we went critter dipping at Fort Whyte. It was fun because we were on a floating dock and it kept shaking!

- Béla

I liked when we watched the bison herd through binoculars- they are so big and fun to watch.

- Gevron

My favourite part of being outside was watching all of the birds.

- Hailey



I liked when we played with the parachute because it was fun to play Cat and Mice. We also took our lunches in and ate under it.

- Ricki

My favourite part was going for walks because it is quiet.

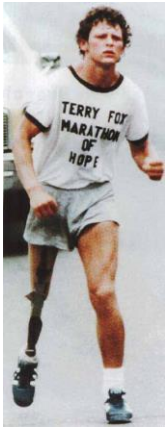
- Ry

I liked the field trip to Fort Whyte the best because critter dipping was fun!

- Jaris







## Terry Fox

Thank you so much for all of your change donations- Room 7 raised \$41.72 in total this year! Students continue to learn about Terry's Marathon of Hope, and participated in a walk with Ms. Alma on Thursday, September 28 in his honour.



## Orange Shirt Day

Thank you so much for putting in such an amazing effort on Orange Shirt Day! Since our week outside we have been exploring the prairie grasslands as well as Indigenous life prior to European contact. Students are engaging in several personal stories that explain the impact of Residential Schools, and we spent September 29 honouring, remembering, and wishing. Meegwetch!

## Thanksgiving

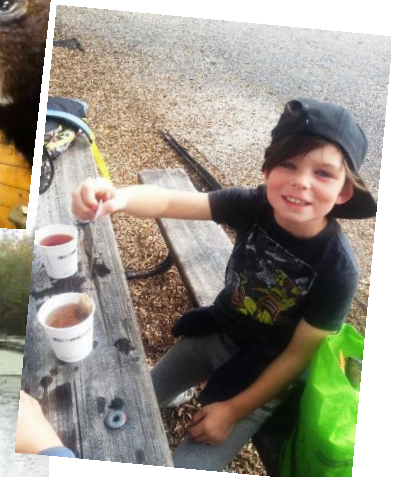
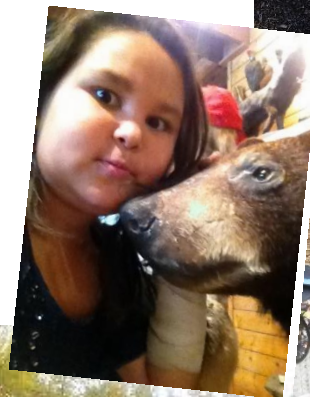


Soon we will be discussing all of the things that we are grateful for in our lives, including the storms that help lead to the rainbows. Sharing your own stories of gratitude, beginning a gratitude journal together, or creating a family jar where people add their notes of thanks can all be great ways to extend on this work at home.

I, for one, am so grateful to be your child's teacher. I smile on my way to work each day and love getting to know your little ones and all of their unique, quirky, sweet personalities. Remember that you are welcome to join in on the fun anytime ☺

Thank you for all of your help in getting this year off to a smooth and engaging start! Enjoy the beautiful season!

In gratitude,  
Carrie





# Room 7 October 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4 Wednesday Walk	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Thanksgiving (no school)</b>	10	11 Wednesday Walk	12 Picture Day	13	14
15	16 <b>Divisional Day (no school)</b>	17	18 Wednesday Walk	19	20 <b>MTS PD (no school)</b>	21
22	23	24	25 Wednesday Walk	26	27 Scholastic Due	28
29	30	31 Halloween- More info to come!				

## Notes

Wednesday Walks take place each week in ALL weather conditions. Please help your child to check the weather each morning and dress appropriately for the day. Thank you!