



Welcome to KW/Vina Elementary where we lead from the heart, we value life, family, and know the children "Sacred Beings" we serve are as valuable as the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the ground we walk on. In this up and coming school year please join us in our children's education journey.

## Culture Matters

(Genevieve Goudy: ParaProfessional)

We have been very busy preparing for our Christmas programs. We always enjoy decorating to make our gym nice for the students and families of KW/Vina. Aside from that we have been just busy busy with our duties and sometimes being pulled to sub. For the past 20 plus years she has been a crucial part of our team and school family. She will always be missed dearly by all of us! We are looking forward to the new year of 2022! We are very sad to be losing one of our long time outstanding Para's, Bonnie Roberts. Our team recognized her 22 years of service by blanketing her with a Pendleton blanket presented by our Elders Ruth Shea and Carol Grant.

Mr. Armstrong sang her a Praise Song.

We wish Bonnie nothing but the best in her retirement. She will be greatly missed.



(Britney Shooter: BNAS/Immersion)

For the month of December, the Kindergarten Immersion class focused on learning how to say Oototsstoyi- When the cold comes (December) in Blackfeet, learned how to sing Jingle bells and Silent Night in Blackfeet. The month of December was focused on Holiday art and learning about how the holidays bring family and friends together.



## Attendance Matters

*At each grade level we have the following number of students enrolled:*

- ❖ Pre-Kindergarten
  - (9/3) 35 students enrolled
  - (10/1) 38 students enrolled
  - (11/1) 40 students enrolled
  - (12/1) 39 students enrolled
  - (1/1) 38 students enrolled
  - 2 students working remotely
- ❖ Kindergarten
  - (9/3) 98 students enrolled
  - (10/1) 104 students enrolled
  - (11/1) 105 students enrolled
  - (12/1) 108 students enrolled
  - (1/1) 111 students enrolled



- 5 students working remotely
- ❖ First grade
  - (9/3) 103 students enrolled
  - (10/1) 126 students enrolled
  - (11/1) 127 students enrolled
  - (12/1) 135 students enrolled
  - (1/1) 138 students enrolled
  - 8 students working remotely

## Graduation Matters

(Nicole Whitney: First Grade Instructional Coach)

Though our fastest month of the year, we accomplished a lot as a first grade team. On December 9th we held our second MTSS meeting of the year to review progress monitoring data and make Tier 2 instructional decisions as a group. We had a lot to celebrate at that meeting. In the fall, only 4 first grade students were at a mastery level in letter knowledge. After three 10-day PDSA Intervention cycles, and consistent Tier 1 instruction in phonics, we now have 43 students at the mastery level in letter knowledge.

This is a huge increase, and our team is very proud. Teams worked together to make intervention plans for the next three 10-day reading intervention cycles, and recorded their plans on PDSAs for implementation. We are excited to be able to move into the 1st grade Phonics curriculum in our Tier 1 program after the break!

We also worked with Mary Buck to come up with a progress monitoring plan and schedule for math so teachers will be monitoring student progress using probes from Aimsweb every 10 days as well. Teachers were part of coming up with the schedule and have already recorded some good data that will be used to drive instruction. We are excited to see how students will progress in the areas of Number Naming Fluency, Number Comparison Fluency, and Math Facts with 1-Digit numbers.

Though short, this month has been very busy, but the first grade team has done an amazing job juggling all the things December brings while still making great instructional decisions for their students.

(Betty Brock: First Grade)

Vina Chattin has been working hard in December. We have finished our 3rd cycle of PDSA's and we are seeing so much growth in our small group with our First Graders. We have been getting into the Christmas Spirit by learning our Christmas Program songs and eagerly awaiting Santa's visit. Staff and students are looking forward to spending time with family and friends. The First Grade Team wishes everyone a safe and healthy winter break.

(Kelley Sharp: Kindergarten)

December went by really fast. We just got done with our last concert. Our littles did a really good job. Most were pretty scared but they sang their little hearts out anyway.



We are getting ready for our Santa visit and we are all ready for a well deserved break.



(Ruth Shea: Pre-K)

December was quite a roller coaster ride full of surprises-unexpected days off, rescheduled Christmas program, daily routine changes, weather changes and all of the Christmas activities. Our PreK classrooms were immersed in creating Christmas crafts, making & frosting cookies and learning about Christmas. We planned a 3 week unit on Christmas. We learned about how families celebrate the holiday of Christmas, made gifts for parents and wrote letters to Santa. Ms. Small's class made cards for the elders at the Blackfeet Care Center. Ms. Shea's class made and decorated 12 dozen cookies and Ms Show's class made special pinecone ornaments from pine cones collected on our visit to the museum earlier this year. We are continuing to work on numeral recognition from 0-9, letter names and sounds, and the concept of sharing, caring and giving. We are seeing daily



progress in these areas with all students. We are looking forward to recharging by spending time with our family and friends over the break. We want to wish the board a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We thank you for all that you have done for us.



(Dawn Marxer: SpEd Leader)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As the New year is coming upon us the Special Education classrooms at KW/Vina are moving right along. Our students are making growth and working very hard at their goals. We do have a few more students who might be joining us for that extra support to make sure they are successful in their schooling.