



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

During the month of February, the Kindergarten and 1st grade Immersion students worked on a prayer to say at the last basketball home game.

Thank you Mrs. Shooter and Ms. M Burd for all your hard work and dedication!!



Pre-K/Kindergarten BNAS specialist (Jocelyn Big Throat):

The Month of February students in Pre-k, Kindergarten, and 1st grade were introduced to the Foods Unit. We Learned 10 names of Foods. Our food unit will be a 6-week Unit. We will learn up to 30 foods in the unit. We reviewed our Colors, Numbers, Animals, Seasons, Name of the Month, Classroom commands, and short phrases. We also did a Valentines craft, and used the Blackfeet word for "I love you" - kitsiikaakomin as our greeting. The students are doing very well with all they are learning. We are having fun learning our language.

1st Grade BNAS specialist (Anita Crowshoe):

March (When the geese return). Sa'aiksootsoototopi, with the theme down on the farm, our color focus will be green, our number 8, the season will be spring and our shape will be diamond. Each class will have the opportunity to hear, see, and learn the words. We will also continue with your stories as we complete the story on Kutoyis -Blood Clot Boy from how he came to be. Moving into the story of Piitaamakan - Running Eagle. We continue to work with kindergarten and first grade students, on month, color, number and story by introducing the stories to support components of natural law and absolute law of this geographical area. Thank you.

Attendance Matters

Our student/staff attendance has improved for the month of February to:

- ❖ First grade 73% with 136 students enrolled
- ❖ Kindergarten 74% with 109 students enrolled
- ❖ PreKindergarten 76% with 38 students enrolled



- ❖ Certified staff attendance 81%
- ❖ Classified staff attendance 79%

Graduation Matters

(Betty Brock: First Grade)

The First Grade Team at Vina has accomplished a lot this month. We completed our DESSA screening and writing assessment. We were also very lucky to have a PIR Day with Angela Fraley talking about conscious discipline. We also had visits from Marci Parks and Mary Buck which are always amazing and helpful to our team.

Vina Chattin also enjoyed "I love to read Month"
(Opposite day)



(Kelley Sharp: Kindergarten)

February went by so fast. In Kindergarten we are moving right along. In Wonders we are on Unit 4 practicing blending with letters i, o, n, and d. We are using the read/spell/ write and heart word routine for our high-frequency words. We are creating sentences with our HFW words and, do, go, to and you. In Eureka we are learning addition and subtraction. We are using our counting abilities to create our number bonds and number sentences. We also have had some fun days like Valentines and 100's days. Here are a few pictures.



(Ruth Shea: Pre-K)

February was quite the month! We started the month with Groundhog day and graphing whether the groundhog would see his shadow even though we were pretty sure that we would have more winter either way! This was followed by our 100th day of school celebrations. We made crowns, counted out 100 objects by counting by 10's, and enjoyed a special 100th day treat. Valentine's Day was quite fun. We made our own boxes and valentines here at school as a safety precaution. Our little ones loved the hearts, glue, glitter, stickers etc and everyone ended up with the same boxes. We celebrated Amidst all of these celebrations, we completed our unit on Seasons and learned how to take care of our Earth. We started the next unit and are learning about jungles and jungle animals. This is always a fun unit. Our rooms are transformed into jungles to teach our students the parts of a jungle: canopy, understory and ground floor. We will continue this unit in Mar as we learn about animal patterns. In Math we continue to rote count and recognize numerals to 10. We continue to explore the concepts of "one more", decomposing and composing numbers as we learn about bigger numbers. We have 3 tired PreK teachers as we gear up for Dr Seuss' birthday next week! Another fun day in PreK!





(Genevieve Goudy: ParaProfessional)

The Month of February flew by in the blink of an eye! Things sure have been busy busy at KW/Vina. The Paras have just been going with the flow. Valentine's Day was enjoyable, always nice to see smiles on our kiddies/staff faces. We are thankful for our day of PD as we had time to catch up on our things we may have been behind on. We are always excited to see the numbers going down! Yay on the Covid dashboard that was released! This means to us that we might be getting more of our sacred beings back in the buildings which is always a plus! Now to move onto March.

Thank you Genevieve Goudy for always getting our BEAR students names and pictures on Facebook and in the Glacier Reporter!



Safety Matters

Log of our current safety drills.....

KW/VINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS 2021 - 2022

| K.W. BERGAN | | |
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| 1. | 09/08/21 | LOCKDOWN-UNPLANNED |
| 2. | 09/16/21 | FIRE DRILL |
| 3. | 10/13/21 | LOCK-IN |
| 4. | 10/26/21 | MONTANA SHAKE OUT - EARTHQUAKE DRILL |
| 5. | 11/15/21 | HIGH WIND EVENT |
| 6. | 12/14/21 | LOCK-OUT |
| 7. | 01/28/22 | FIRE DRILL- UNPLANNED |
| 8. | 02/08/22 | FIRE DRILL- UNPLANNED |
| VINA CHATTIN | | |
| 1. | 09/02/21 | LOST STUDENT -UNPLANNED |
| 2. | 09/08/21 | LOCKDOWN-UNPLANNED |
| 3. | 09/16/21 | FIRE DRILL |
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