



SANDOWN NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hello Families,

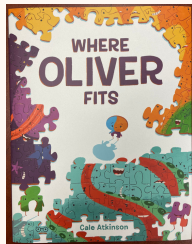
We hope that you have all had a great start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see the return of students to our building, while also welcoming new students to our school community. We have spent the first month of school setting classroom and school-wide expectations and students have had many opportunities to learn all about and practice them with their teachers and classmates. We have also had the opportunity to celebrate all together at two All School Meetings, where we have learned about assembly expectations, celebrated student artwork, had a performance from our 2nd graders, and recognized our grade 5 hosts of the meeting.

Our school theme this year is "Individually We Are Unique, Together Complete". We have talked with our students about how we are all unique like a puzzle piece, but when we all come together, we are the Sandown North Stars- a complete puzzle. If you walk the halls of Sandown North, there are many examples of student puzzle pieces connected together as well as staff showing how we are all unique, but we all come together to support and promote student success.

Our school book this year, that will be displayed at our outdoor story walk is "Where Oliver Fits". Please take a moment to review this newsletter and read all about the great things happening at Sandown North!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Yacek, Sandown North Principal



A Message from our school Nurse

As we begin the Fall season, it is time to think about dressing for the cooler weather.

Students will continue to have outdoor recess unless there is rain or the "feels like" temperature is 20 degrees or less. If your child is bringing a jacket to school, please be sure your child's name is on the label.

This is the time of year where we also start seeing cold/flu symptoms. If your child has a fever of 100.3 or higher, they should be staying home and remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

In regard to COVID, we do follow the CDC guidelines, when it comes to how long someone should stay out of school, as well as recommendations for wearing a mask upon their return. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 2 PTA Meeting
- Oct. 4 Picture Day
- Oct. 9 No School
- Oct. 14 Kids Night Out
- Oct. 25 Parent Conferences
- Oct. 31 1st & 2nd Grade Halloween Parade: weather permitting





September 2023 Music News

We warmly welcome Mrs. Nicole Bartlett, our new band director, to the Sandown North community! She has been getting to meet our fabulous musicians these first few weeks of school and eagerly looks forward to working with our 4th and 5th grade band students!

Band, strings, and chorus are off to a great start! We get to showcase our young musicians' talents and accomplishments at the Sandown North Winter Concert on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center (PAC). Please mark the date on your calendar and come support our young musicians.

Please reach out to your child's music teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their progress.

Musically yours,
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Transportation for our students has been a focus of the district this first month of school. School administrators spent time riding each of the buses the first few weeks of school, to observe the routes and time it took to complete the routes, as well as observe student behaviors. As of today, we are seeing consistently that bus routes in the PM are completed around 4:15. This is a great improvement from the beginning of the year.

In regard to student behaviors, we have seen an increase in students not being safe and respectful on our school buses. We continue to talk with individual students, as the bus drivers communicate with us and we have spent some time talking with entire buses, if the bus driver is sharing concerns with the overall bus. We are asking for your help in reminding your students of the expectations on the bus. The following discussions keep being revisited with students:

- Staying in their assigned seats
- Staying in their seats when the bus is moving
- Not yelling and screaming on the bus
- Keeping hands to themselves

We appreciate your support in this, so that we can ensure that all students have a safe and good bus ride to and from school each day.

Thank you, ~Mrs. Yacek, Principal



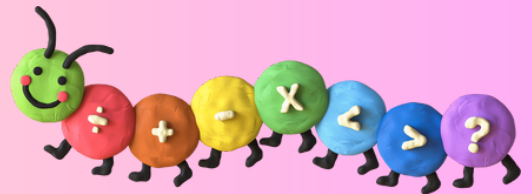
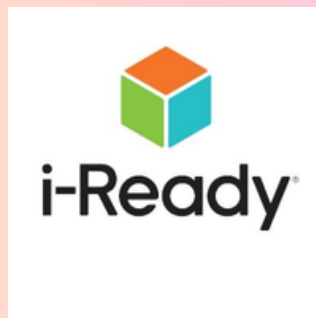
Over the last 4 decades, there has been scientifically based research about how we can effectively assess, teach, and improve student outcomes in reading. This research is referred to as The Science of Reading. There are 5 key concepts at the core of every effective reading program.

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

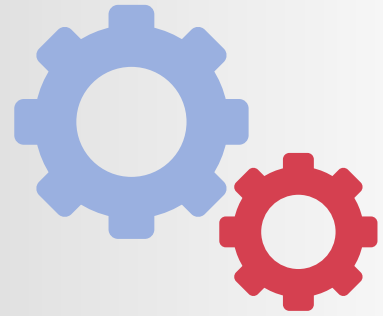
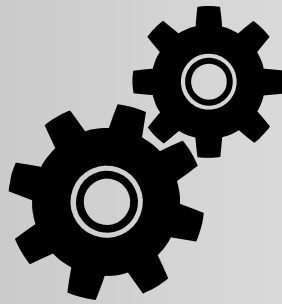
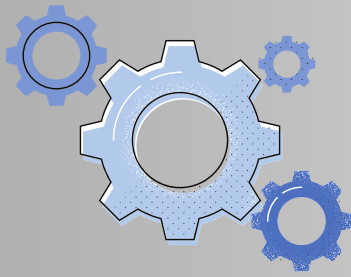
The Timberlane Regional School District has adopted the UFLI reading program that teachers in grades K-5 will be using to explicitly teach Phonemic Awareness and Phonics.

You may be seeing homework practice aligned to this program. Here is a short video that shows an example of the homework practice and how parents can use it to assist their children at home.

Parent [Video](#)



i-Ready is one of a few assessment tools that is administered to all students in grades K-5. Students take this assessment three times a year. The assessment provides information about your child's strengths in reading and math, skills that your child still needs to learn, and it shows the amount of growth your child achieved over the course of the school year. We provide parents with reports after each assessment. The first report will be provided to you at parent conferences in October. Teachers use the results of these assessments to drive their instruction and provide opportunities for students to access their i-Ready learning path activities to increase their academic achievement, over the course of the school year.



Are you looking to rehome your crafting leftovers and unwanted items?

Mrs. Parker would LOVE to put them into the hands of our STAR innovators!

Crafting Materials:

Buttons
Duct tape (regular or colorful)
Empty thread spools
Fabric scraps
Foam stickers
Gems & Sequins
Pipe cleaners
Pom poms
Ribbon: decorative or curling
Scrapbooking paper
Wiggle eyes

Crafting Tools:

Decorative hole punches
Decorative scissors
Scrapbooking shape punches

Party Supplies:

Balloons (regular & mylar)
Decorations
Paper plates
Straws

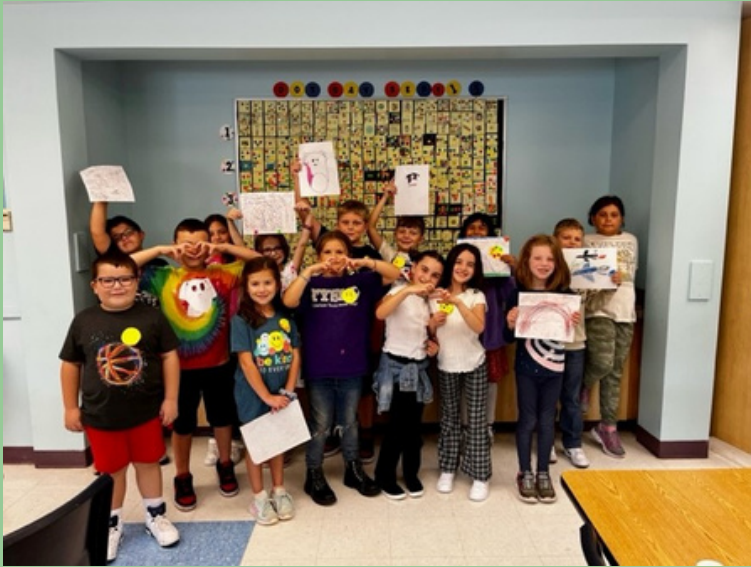
Please send your leftovers & unwanted items to school in a bag marked “For the Innovation Studio” with your child’s name and homeroom teacher included.

Thank you for supporting our creative innovators!

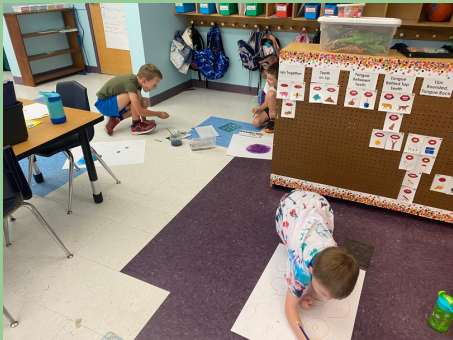
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Art Room News



Mrs. Carroll’s third grade class added the final 18 “quilt” squares to complete the school wide Dot Day Quilt. Every student contributed to this collaborative project comprised of 315 squares!



Mrs. Robinson’s first graders also had fun creating dots for dot day!

