



October 13, 2023

Grade One

Rich Valley Elementary School

Important Dates:

Popcorn Day Oct. 17

Notorious Cree Performer Oct. 19 @1:00 pm

Science

This week the students continued to bend, fold and twist objects. They folded paper to make a paper airplane and we went into the gym to see if they folded the paper good enough to make it fly. I must say, everyone was successful. We then created a sculpture by twisting pipe cleaners. Some of the projects were animals, people or abstract objects.



We also explored the reason why leaves turn from green to red, yellow, orange or brown. Ask your child why this happens. We also learned an interesting fact about bananas. The green color in unripe bananas comes from chlorophyll, the same pigment that gives green leaves their color. As bananas ripen, the chlorophyll breaks down and disappears, revealing the yellow color which has been there all along.



We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving weekend and were able to spend some quality time with family, eating delicious food and enjoying each others company. The students came back to school recharged and ready to work.



Language Arts

The students were introduced to a new tool sound this week. Brown Mouse had to watch out as Grouchy Owl was flying around. In the end as the students learned the tool sound -ou, Brown Mouse had the last laugh. It is encouraging to hear some of the students identify these di-graphs and blends in words that they read or see on the board. The students learned a new word family this week. They were introduced to the -ay word family. How many words can your child think of that has the word family -ay in it?

Math

We are counting, counting and counting. We are continuing to learn about what number is and next week we will continue working with different numbers and you guessed it more counting and identifying how many items are in a set. The students are learning about friendly numbers that we can use to make our counting easier. Three of our friendly numbers are two, five and ten. We can count by fives so if we group items in sets of five the groups should be easy to count. The students have also been introduced to the "Ten Frame" which is ten squares attached together in two groups of five. This Ten Frame will assist in arranging objects in order to count them easier. It will also assist the students in learning their basic facts.

Have a great weekend!
Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Hove

