

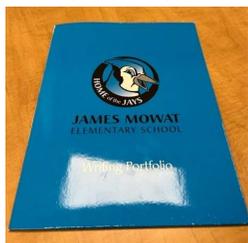
Weekly Message September 16, 2022

Hello

Students are definitely enjoying the beautiful weather during recess and gym. As many of you may have noticed, we have made some changes and additions to our Outdoor Classroom. The additional seating areas provide students with alternative areas to work when utilizing the outdoor classroom, and different areas to play during recess.

After a long break due to restrictions, Circles commenced this week. Circles support our focus on providing leadership opportunities for students and allows students the opportunity to make friends in other grades. Students are divided into small groups and each group has students from different grades. Our older students in each group facilitate different activities with their Circle focusing on First Nations, Metis and Inuit education, character education, and wellness. In addition, Circles provide the opportunity to share information with all of our students at the same time and provide a great format for guest speakers to make presentations. We have a number of guest speakers booked for this year including our FNMI consultant Mr. Jeremy Albert. We are looking forward to the many engaging activities that have been planned for Circles this year.

Our first school wide Monthly Writing Prompt has been started. All students participate in this writing activity and respond to the same question or picture. In addition to a number of students' responses being posted on our dedicated bulletin board, student responses to the prompt are placed in special folder which will be sent home at the end of the year so you and your child can see growth in writing over the entire year. Last year, we also had a number of students read their work on the intercom in the morning. We are planning to continue building enthusiasm for these writing activities and hope to capture students' imagination with prompts like our last year's hamster adventures.



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