

Galipeau Gazette

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Winter has Arrived!

With the new year comes winter, and it has started with some frigid temperatures. Please make sure your child is prepared to go outside every day. While our school does maintain the policy of keeping students in at recess time, if the "feels like" temperature drops below 15 °F, you never can tell what the conditions will be.



Upcoming Events

January 11th
Panther Pride Assembly

January 15th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

January 17th
The Ecology School visits PCS

January 19th
Progress Reports go home

Remember to pack snow gear for Monday gym classes: hat, snow pants, jacket, gloves/mittens. long



NWEA Testing

NWEA Testing will recommence this month, as we make check-ins on student learning through our triannual computerized testing.

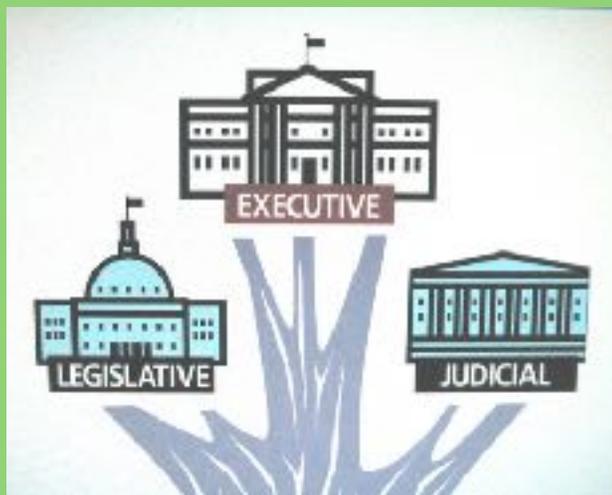


Book Project Pick-Up

Book Project Pick-Up If your child's realistic fiction book project is still at school, (and is too cumbersome to be brought home on the bus) please make plans to pick it up at your convenience. Thank you.

Social Studies

We are talking about Maine government this week - with a focus on the three branches of **legislative**, **executive**, and **judicial**.



Reading

Students are working on completing our book groups. We will be starting a unit on informational texts very soon! What types of non-fiction do you most enjoy reading?



Grammar

This week we will work with pronouns. What are pronouns? How do we use them in place of nouns and pronouns?

MATH FACTS

Students are working to memorize their math facts. Knowing how to find the answers to basic math facts is not quick enough. Students should be working to memorize their facts for rapid recall. The math we are doing has many steps. If a student has to stop to solve math facts, it disrupts their problem solving process. Please help your child practice math facts at home. Really try to focus on the facts that they get stuck on. Often students will practice the facts that are easier for them, because it feels good to know the answers. Students should be challenging themselves to learn facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication - even division!

We will be taking daily tests on our times tables, and students will chart their progress.