



South Oaks School 2011-12 Community Report



School Mission

South Oaks School: *Where we care to learn and learn to care.*

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2011 – 2012 Priorities

❖ **Piloting new Delivery Model of Kindergarten Instructional Program**

Achievements:

- Implementation of full day / alternate day Kindergarten program.
- Surveys of parents of 2011-12 and 2012-13 Kindergarten students to ascertain future delivery model of Kindergarten instruction.
- Decision to continue implementation of full day / alternate day Kindergarten program in 2012-13, based on parental feedback.

❖ **Piloting new Early Intervention Numeracy Programs**

Achievements:

- Implementation of Math Recovery Numeracy Intervention program with selected grade one and two students.
- Implementation of Leaps & Bounds Numeracy Intervention program with selected grade three and four students.
- Decision to continue implementation, based on feedback, of both Math Recovery and Leaps & Bounds early intervention numeracy programs.

❖ **Piloting new Technological Devices for Classroom Instruction and Assessment**

Achievements:

- Use of computer tablet in grade one classroom for anecdotal assessment of student Numeracy and Literacy outcomes.
- Decision to pilot tablet use in a grade four classroom in the 2012-13 school year.
- Use of mimio hardware and software in grade one classroom to deliver engaging lessons via an interactive whiteboard.
- Decision to purchase six mimios for use in grade 1-4 classrooms in 2012-13.

- Vermicomposting sustainable development project begun in grade four classroom.
- Participation in Drive Away Hunger campaign in Fall, where over 3500 lbs. of food were donated from the community of Grunthal and the surrounding area.
- Participation in Bag Up Manitoba's Fall recycling initiative, where over 2200 plastic bags were brought to the school and forwarded to Take Pride Winnipeg to be melted down and remanufactured into Frisbees.
- Juggler Robin Chestnut's presentation at the March assembly, highlighting the importance of practice in achieving one's goals.
- Artist-in-the-School residency in March, and the ensuing Visual Arts themed Open House in April, where student clay art works were displayed.

