

GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 5 – First day back to class

Jan 12 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Jan 26 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Jan 27 – Soccer Game –
Gladstone vs Weston (12:00-1:00
pm – U of W Sports Plex)

Dear Gladstone Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy the winter break and maybe get outside during some of the warmer days. As we jump back into learning I would like to continue sharing about the numeracy journey we are on at Gladstone this year. A math resource that I have found helpful is by an organization called “Make Math Moments”. They have a website, great snippets on their Instagram as well as detailed content on their podcast. On their website they use a tree to describe what they describe as the 6 parts of an effective math program. I’d like to share two of them.



Knowledge & Proficiency

Roots

The roots in this model are to continually be growing in our mathematical knowledge and proficiency and to transfer this understanding to our students. As I spoke of in December’s newsletter, our participation in “Math Up” has been instrumental in addressing this key aspect of our numeracy programming at Gladstone. We have also been looking at how we collect and track student growth and then how to use this data to drive our programming.

Mindset and Beliefs are seen as the elements that feed a healthy math program. There is a focus here on shifting from deficit to asset thinking.

When we are looking at the strengths we have as a staff and are helping each student to also see their own unique gifts. This focus has gone beyond math as all teachers have created strength-based profiles for individual students and for their classes as a whole. We believe that seeking to work from areas we feel confident and competent gives us a foundation from which to lean into ideas and concepts we find more challenging. I encourage



Mindset & Beliefs

Soil, Sunlight, Water

you to check in with your child to see what they feel their strengths are and how they have been able to work on these during their school day!

Mr. Nikkel

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January

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 Day 5 FIRST DAY BACK FROM BREAK	6 Day 6	7 Day 1 WINTER FUN DAY!	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10
11	12 Day 4 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17
18	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24
25	26 Day 2 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	27 Day 3 SOCCER GAME Gladstone vs Weston U of W Sports Plex (12:00-1:00 pm)	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6 	31

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

Gladstone Film Festival

We celebrated a successful evening for our first Gladstone School Film Festival, where the students from rooms 12, 14 & 15 created their own silent films. A big thank you goes out to all the students & staff who participated and made it such a success!



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SPECIAL NOTES

FAMILY LIBRARY NIGHT



Family Library Night is on **Monday, January 12th and Monday, January 26th**
from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm.

Please come in from the front door of the school and go upstairs to the library.

Students can sign out some books, take part in activities and have a snack!

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