

District Literacy Plan 2011-2012
SD59 Peace River South
Updated June 2011



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Board of Education on Literacy:

The Peace River South Board of Education realizes the importance of “Engaging each Learner” within a personalized learning agenda. Foundational to the engagement of each learner is the recognition that a strong foundation in literacy skills will provide the underpinnings of a community literate in reading, writing, numeracy skills and the process skills necessary to allow each student to realize his or her full potential. The District Literacy Plan is a commitment of collaboration with key community stakeholders to improve literacy for all.

DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN

Defining Literacy:

For the purposes of this document, we accept the broad definition of literacies provided by Literacy Now.

Literacy is an essential cultural, social and academic practice that involves, not only reading, writing and numeracy, but also a variety of abilities including viewing and representing, aural literacy including lingual, musical and listening skills, cultural literacy including civic skills

Literacies enable us to communicate, represent and evaluate knowledge in multiple ways. The more literacies we learn, the greater our understanding of the world. Literacy is a continuum of skills. We can all become more literate (Source: Literacy Now Planning Guide, p. 4, 2004).

Context:

School District 59 (Peace River South) is located in the northeastern corner of the province. The school district encompasses the communities of Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, and Tumbler Ridge, as well as a number of rural communities. The economy of the area is varied and comprised of agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, petroleum exploration and development, hydroelectric power generation, forestry and mining. The local economy is in a “boom” phase with plans for expansion in each community. This has resulted in a need for skilled and unskilled workers

School District 59 (Peace River South) is largely a rural district with a fairly dispersed population and a resource-based economy. The District is proud of its developing partnerships with local industry and with post-secondary institutions, specifically, Northern Lights College. These partnerships are resulting in expanded career education opportunities for students. There has also been a shift in moving toward a more personalized learning agenda for students with the focus on a solid foundation of literacy skills.

Reflections on Literacy: 2010/11

All three of our communities have undergone significant changes over the past year. There have been new Literacy Outreach Coordinators (LOC's) in each of the communities resulting in a significant review of each of the Community Literacy Plans.

Also, significant changes in the Literacy needs of the communities have resulted in a new awareness of literacy gaps in each community.

Participation by SD personnel in the task force meetings will be a priority for next year as the opportunities for collaboration have been established.

Some highlights of the past year have been:

1. Monthly Literacy Newsletter (Dawson Creek)
2. Novelteens reading program targeting at risk youth (Dawson Creek)
3. Gardening 101 (Dawson Creek)
4. Kitchen Literacy for Youth: Christmas Cookie Bake (Dawson Creek)
5. Digital Storytelling tutorials (Dawson Creek)
6. Beginner workshop series for Seniors and Computer Literacy (Dawson Creek)
7. Initial consultation and collaboration around the following:
 - a. Welcome Wagon initiatives in order to help new people more quickly and fully participate in the community (Chetwynd)
 - b. Cree instruction (Chetwynd)
 - c. Volunteer Management in the community with the Chamber of Commerce (Chetwynd)
 - d. One on One mentoring program (Chetwynd)
8. Researching grants for an Adult Literacy program (Tumbler Ridge)
9. Imagination Library discussion for children ages 0 – 5 (Tumbler Ridge)

Community Literacy Planning:

Dawson Creek:

In November 9th of 2006 Dawson Creek and community began the task of expanding literacy work in the community. By June of 2007, a plan was developed stating long-term direction for enhancing Literacy across the community. This past year saw a new LOC as the Dawson Creek Community Literacy Plan underwent revision. The members of the task group represent a broad range of service providers in the Dawson Creek community: Obair Economic Society, SD 59, Job Search, South Peace Community Resource Society (SPCRS), Dawson Creek Literacy Society and Success By 6. Collaborations within the community are working well because of the creative thinking and the willingness of partners to participate from groups such as SPCRS, Seniors Access, Nawican Friendship Centre and SD 59.

Chetwynd:

In May of 2008, the community of Chetwynd began the work toward a Community Literacy Plan. The plan was established and the goals were met. In January of 2011 a new LOC was hired to move the community forward with Literacy planning. A new plan has been established and work toward the plan is underway. An increase in collaboration with SD 59 is a desired outcome for the 2011/12 year. The members of the task group represent three active members of the community each with her own diverse areas of community involvement. Important collaborative partnerships have been formed to begin the work in 2011/12: Chetwynd and Area Service Providers meetings, Chetwynd Healthy Communities, Northern Lights College, Chetwynd Public Library, Chetwynd Secondary School and SD 59. The enthusiastic support and collaboration over a number of issues and initiatives will benefit the community.

Tumbler Ridge:

The community of Tumbler Ridge began their process of Community Literacy Planning and has developed a document completed in July of 2010. Tumbler Ridge also realized a new Literacy Outreach Coordinator who is actively reviewing the plan as the needs in the community have shifted over the past year. An increase in collaboration with SD 59 is a desired outcome for the 2011/12 year. The members of the task group represent different aspects of the community: Museum Foundation, Northern Lights College, Tumbler Ridge town counselor, Tumbler Ridge newspaper and the Library. The most important partnership to date has been the collaboration with Northern Lights College because of the sharing of common goals and ideas.

Dawson Creek Literacy Planning

LITERACY OUTREACH COORDINATOR: MICHELE MOBLEY

The focus for the 2010/11 year was targeting ‘at-risk youth’, ‘workplace literacy’ and ‘lifelong learning’. ‘Workplace literacy’ has proven to be a difficult area to impact so the hope is with a change in emphasis on ‘family literacy’ for the 2011/12 year that an impact will come through intervention at home for some of the lower skilled workers.

Goals	Partnerships	Status
1. To provide a reading program for at-risk youth a. Provide an engaging venue b. Involve more partners in support of the program	Reconnect SD 59 – Dawson Creek Secondary	Revised program
2. To focus on Family Literacy a. Set up a series of “lending libraries”	Playgroups Public Health Unit Nawican Friendship Ctr Aboriginal Family Services	Fall 2011
3. To encourage Life Long Learning a. Focus on senior’s community b. Develop workshops: i. Computers ii. In home safety iii. Recognizing scams iv. Elder abuse	Local community professionals	Computer workshop beginning July 4, 2011 Other workshops to be determined

Chetwynd Literacy Planning:

LITERACY OUTREACH COORDINATOR: JAMES DEAN HUNTER

Goals	Partnerships	Status
<p>1. To encourage and support the implementation of a Cree program for youth and community</p> <p>a. Determine who has the skill and availability to teach a Cree program</p>	<p>West Moberly Saulteau SD 59</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Develop a unique Welcome Wagon Service</p> <p>a. Focus on identifying and meeting the needs of people new to town</p> <p>b. Increase new people's participation in the community</p>	<p>Chetwynd Healthy Communities Coordinator Chetwynd Welcome Wagon Committee</p>	<p>Fall 2011</p>
<p>3. Develop a community-led Volunteer Management Strategy</p> <p>a. Work with Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>i. Process for recruiting, orienting, screening and place of volunteers</p> <p>ii. Determine the events or organizations needing volunteers</p>	<p>Local community professionals Chamber of Commerce Community Service Providers</p>	<p>Computer workshop beginning July 4, 2011</p> <p>Other workshops to be determined</p>

<p>4. To develop a One to One Mentoring program for children</p>	<p>Community member to coordinate</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5. To provide ESL training opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To offer ESL training at a school district non-instructional day b. Provide easy-to-use materials for ESL c. Clarify the referral process for school to refer to community ESL programs 	<p>LOC ESL-SAP SD 59 and Literacy Helping Teacher</p>	<p>Planning for Fall 2011</p>

Tumbler Ridge Literacy Planning:

LITERACY OUTREACH COORDINATOR: FAYE MEASE

Goals	Partnerships	Status
1. To implement an Adult Literacy Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply for a grant b. Develop and deliver a survey c. Meet with key people in the community d. Develop a brochure 	Northern Lights College City Councilors	Ongoing
2. To develop a Literacy and Health Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meet with key health care professionals 	Health Care Professionals	Fall 2011
3. To develop a Workplace and Safety Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To target the new mine workers (possible ESL learners) 	Dehau Mine contacts (yet to be established) City Council	Fall 2011

Moving Forward with Vision:

SD 59 is committed to supporting our community through all 5 areas identified by ReadNow BC:

EARLY LEARNERS:

The Present:

The district supports many early learning programs. Programs in the 2010/11 year are Ready, Set, Learn; Parents as Literacy Supporters; Welcome to Kindergarten and participation in the Early Development Instrument. As well, all schools will be offering a Full Day Kindergarten program.

We have established an Early Learning Hub involving both school district and community partners. The Early Learning Hub houses an indoor playground funded by Children First. The playground will be open to parents and their children 5 days a week during school hours with plans to extend the times to evenings and weekends.

StrongStart programs will be in Tremblay, Pouce Coupe, Windrem and the new Early Learning Centre. StrongStart Outreach will provide programs in Tate Creek, Rolla, Parkland, Devereaux, and McLeod. Our Speech Language Pathologist is offering language service to our StrongStart programs and screening for early identification of speech and language difficulties. Munchkin Land, located at Tremblay Elementary School, is an interactive play-based centre for parents and children operating 5 days a week during school hours.

The Words on Wheels Bus will continue to operate throughout the district. The School District Building Learning Together committee works in partnership with Success by 6, Children First, CDC, Northern Health, CCR&R, and Public Libraries in all 3 communities.

Our vision: To provide children and caregivers with academic, social, emotional and behavioural skill opportunities (0-5 years) to optimize their success.

Our Challenge: To be able to fund programs for early learners, to provide the outreach necessary to all of our catchment area, and to encourage families with the highest EDI vulnerabilities to attend SD 59 early learning programs.

SCHOOL AGE LEARNERS:

The Present: Our district literacy goal demonstrates our commitment to Literacy. Our Literacy Helping Teacher provides collaborative support for all teachers in determining the best practice to meet the needs of their students. The programs or best practice include but are not limited to Guided Reading, Content Area Reading, SMART Reading,

Fluency Building, Literature Circles, Words Their Way, Oral Language Development, Six Traits of Writing and topics in Assessment. Overall our goal is to provide balanced literacy programs in our classrooms. At the intermediate and secondary level, reading in the content area and late literacy intervention is one of the major strategies for improving student achievement. In regards to our partnership with NLC, we are establishing more dual credit programs in academic areas.

Our Vision: To enable each individual to reach his/her full personal potential with a connection to the community around literacy opportunities and supports.

Our Challenge: To continue to be responsive with programs and structures in order to meet the needs of each individual.

ADULT LEARNERS:

The Present: The focus for Adult literacy has been a focus for all three of our communities. There are opportunities available through the school district for specific courses and in the dual credit areas. There is a focus in our communities in helping new adult English language learners become more functionally literate. Setting up Adult Education Centers, providing resources and workshops and collecting information on the needs for literacy in the adult community are reflected in each of the Literacy Plans.

Our Vision: That adult learners have access to basic and beyond education in our community.

Our Challenge: To continue to work with community partners in making sure that all adults have access to education especially those who are English Language Learners.

ABORIGINAL LEARNERS:

The Present: The district is disaggregating the data for Aboriginal students in order to be able to set the most relevant goals for this group. Support programs include Family Support Workers, Aboriginal Support Teachers and Aboriginal Intervention Workers. Our district is embarking on a project focusing on Aboriginal learners and will be implemented in the fall of 2011. The focus is on direct literacy intervention for 'late to literacy learners'. The Aboriginal Support Teachers will also be working with classroom teachers, providing feedback in order to focus on relationships and student success.

Our vision: That all aboriginal students have access to and support to achieve their personal potential in a supportive environment with positive relationships.

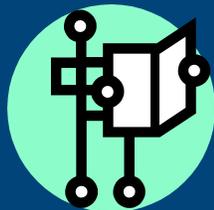
Our challenge: To provide responsive programming that meets their needs in the academic, emotional, social and spiritual areas.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

The Present: At present we provide relevant programs for ESL/ESD students and sometimes their families. We have a helping teacher to ensure that appropriate programs are in place for school age learners. Dawson Creek Literary Society provides ESL opportunities for adults. The Chetwynd Literacy Outreach Coordinator is providing expertise in the area of ESL both in direct service and education. Communities are being intentional around providing available resources through the public libraries and providing workshops for ESL adults.

Our vision: As a community that we are responsive to the needs of the English Language Learners in our community.

Our challenge: To ensure that all families have the information they need in order to best access the supports in our community and to aid the schools in having professional development opportunities around ESL/ESD.



Literacy Now Community Newsletter

Special Interest Articles:

- New Provincial Literacy Organization
- Success By 6 Photo Contest
- Networking & Support Group

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Decoda Literacy Solutions Making Sense of the Modern World

Today marks the launch of Decoda Literacy Solutions, B.C.'s new provincial literacy organization. Decoda will be involved in the full literacy continuum - from early childhood to family, adult, workplace and emerging literacy. It will use literacy as a key strategy to help solve fundamental societal issues, as well as business and industry challenges.

Literacy is more than just reading and writing. It's a key strategy which can help solve fundamental societal issues and economic challenges. At all stages of our lives, literacy is essentially about decoding information, events and situations so we can succeed and prosper. Now, more than ever before, literacy is all about making sense of the modern world.

Decoda Literacy Solutions is the new provincial literacy organization for

British Columbia. It brings together the work, experience and expertise of Literacy BC and the literacy department of 2010 Legacies Now.

By supporting and expanding the work being done by literacy groups and community partners throughout the province, we want to take literacy to the next level in BC. Our vision is a culture of community-based learning and literacy that supports the full continuum of priorities that have been identified by communities - from early childhood to family, adult, workplace and emerging literacies.

For more information about Decoda, visit www.decoda.ca.

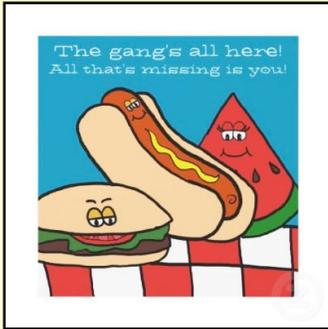
Courtesy: www.decoda.ca

Employment Program For People With Disabilities

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY? If so, then perhaps the Employment Program for People with Disabilities can help you. We offer one on one vocational coaching, workshops, employment planning, both formal and informal assessments, and many other supports to people with disabilities.

For more information please call and register to attend one of our Information Sessions. Information Sessions are held every Thursday at 10:00am at Obair Economic Society, 929 - 106 Avenue, Dawson Creek.





FREE BBQ, Bake Sale, Garage Sale and More!

Access Awareness Day

The Dawson Creek Society for Community Living, in partnership with the Measuring Up the North Committee, is holding a FREE BBQ starting at 11.30am on Friday, June 3rd.

The DCSCCL will also be holding a garage sale, bake sale, and numerous raffles!

Location: Dawson Creek Society for Community Living 1334 - 102 Avenue

For more information contact Kim Dahr at 250.782.8377



Success By 6 Photo Contest

Success By 6 invites you to submit photos for our 2012 Early Childhood Development Calendar!

Submit photos online at www.successby6bc.ca and click on the Calendar Photo Contest Camera icon. Then join our Facebook page (Success by 6 BC) to see if your photo has been selected as a finalist.

“Like” your favourite photos, and don’t forget to tell all your friends and family to “Like” it too! The photo with the most “Likes” will win the grand prize!

To enter and for full contest and prize details, please visit www.successby6bc.ca Contest closes June 13th, 2011.

Also, please welcome Kerry Silver (Chetwynd) and Teresa Erickson (Tumbler Ridge) our new Success By 6 coordinators in the South Peace!

South Peace Child Development Centre

Baby & Me swim every Monday from 10.45-11.30.

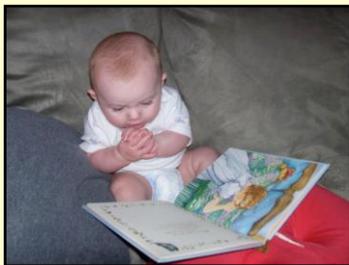
Come and enjoy the water with you baby!

Last day of Baby & Me swim is June 20th. (Pool will be closed July and August)

The CDC is offering *Summer Camp* for children with special needs.

Camps for 5-12 year olds, and 12 and up, start July 5th.

For more information call Keith @ 250.782.1161



“Get over the idea that only children should spend their time in study. Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.”

*~Henry Doherty
(1870-1939)*

Around Town

- ~ Join us Saturday, June 18th from 2-5pm at Faking Sanity for **Worldwide Knit in Public Day!** Bring your knitting (or any other craft) and grab a seat! Free refreshments will be available to all involved and there will be 10% off all craft books for the duration of the event.
- ~ Join the Nawican Friendship Centre on Tuesday's from 1-3pm for **Craft Days!** Also, every Tuesday in June there will be a **fundraising BBQ** from 11am-1pm. The Nawican Friendship Centre will be holding **Aboriginal Day** celebrations on June 24th. Call 250-782-5202 for more information.
- ~On June 3rd at 7pm, the winners of the "**Art of Business Photo Contest**" through the "Say Yes 2 Youth Program" with the Kiwanis Enterprise Centre, will be revealed at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery. This event is free to everyone. Refreshments will be served.
- ~The Dawson Creek Literacy Society is holding their **AGM** on Tuesday May 31st at 6.30pm. Join the DCLS for their annual **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** on Friday June 10th from 12-3pm!
- ~The **South Peace Historical Society** will be holding their regular monthly meeting at 7.00pm at the Museum on June 20th
- ~The **South Peace Arts Society** has their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 9th at noon at the Dawson Creek Art Gallery.
- ~The **Horticultural Club** will be meeting at KPAC at 7pm on June 2nd



I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live.

~George Bernard Shaw

Solar Days



As an official SolarBC Solar Community, the City of Dawson Creek would like you to join us in this celebration and help spread the word about solar energy in our community.

Take a tour of the NLC "Energy House", and the BCSEA Solar Travel Trailer. Enjoy popcorn from a popcorn machine that runs on solar photovoltaic battery power.

Check out the City of Dawson Creek's electric car and find out more information about the Solar Hot Water Course, future Renewable Energy Programs being offered at the college, and much more!

Join us for "Solar Days" at Northern Lights College on Friday, June 24th from 1.30pm - 5.30pm



Networking and Support Group

Date: June 29th

Time: 7-9pm

All parents and guardians of children with special needs are welcome.

This is a great chance to meet others going through similar situations, share stories, get advise and help others.

All information is confidential.

Drinks and snacks are provided!

Supported Child Development

For more information, please contact:

Tammy Fountain
250-782-1138 ext 223
tfountain@spcrs.ca

South Peace Community Resources

**At the CCR&R office
In the CO-OP mall,
beside Sears**

Unit 7 10200 8 street

Notre Dame After School Program



As of June 30th, Notre Dame After School Program will be opening up spots (if available) to other schools.

This program runs from 2:45-5:30. We are closed on holidays and NID days. The cost is \$13/ day/ child and a healthy snack is included.

Drop-in spots are available and will be announced in your school's monthly newsletters. Parents will be responsible for transporting their own children to the program.

Phone Patti McDougall for more information or to put your name on a call list today! (250) 219-1078

*"So please, oh
PLEASE, we beg,
we pray, Go throw
your TV set away,
And in its place you
can install, A lovely
bookshelf on the
wall."*

*~Roald Dahl,
Charlie and the
Chocolate
Factory*



Summer Family BBQ

Created By Little Lambs Play Group - Naomi MacDonald

We would like to invite you to our Little Lambs Annual Summer Family BBQ Event.

Free for all family with kids 0-6

Time: Thursday, June 30 · 11:00am - 6:00pm

Location: 504 97a Ave

Everyone is Welcome! Invite Friends!

Bounce House, Ball Bit, Toys & Games.
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drinks.

PARKING ~

Best parking will be at Parkhill and the cross street to my house.

You can park on the streets BUT PLEASE ~ DO NOT block driveways!

The WOW Bus Words on Wheels



For Children Ages 0-5
with their Parents/Caregivers

WOW Bus Schedule - June 2011

What's on Board?

- Book and toy sign out
- Songs, stories and rhymes
- Healthy Snacks and coffee
- Parent resources and referrals
- Frequent visitor take home stuffy buddies
- Kiwanis Book Buddies
- Rotary Wee Read Book Clubs

Look for the bright blue bus and come and join us for lots of fun!

Free for families

WOW Bus: 250-219-2416

The bus will not travel in inclement weather
www.sd59.bc.ca

The Wow Bus is looking for volunteer drivers and bus buddies to help with community events. Do you know anyone who might be interested? 250-219-2416
Training provided. Class 5 DL

Books from the lending library on the WOW Bus can be returned to the Dawson Creek or Chetwynd Public Library.

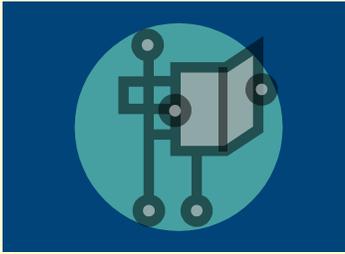
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	7 Mile 0 Trailer Park Laugh and Learn 10am – noon	8 Willowbrook CCRR Food Fun 10-11:45 noon Ridgeview Apts 11:45-1:15 pm Highschool Apts 1:30-3:30 pm	9 Tennis Courts 10 am-noon Nawican FC 1:30 -3:30pm	10 Little Lambs Play Group 12-2pm 1438-104 Ave Kiwanis Book Buddies Elmo visiting
11	14 Out of Town Chetwynd Kici Awasimak 5101 S. Access Rd. 9-11am Wentworth 11:15am – 1pm Rodeo Sub 1:15-2:30pm	15 Kitchen Park CCRR Food Fun 9:30-11:30am Pouce Coupe Village Office 12noon -1:30pm	16 Out of Town Saulteau 9:30-10:30 Moberly 10:45-noon	On June 11 from 12 noon-4pm Join the WOW Bus at the Opening of the Pioneer Village
20	21 Out of Town Tumbler Ridge Shop Easy 12-2pm	22 Parkhill Park 3rd St – 100B CCRR Food Fun 9:30-11:30 am Tremblay 1:30-3:30pm	23 Crescent Park Laugh and Learn 10am – noon Year End Celebration	24
27	28	29	30	
Have a Great Summer. See you in September!!				



“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”

~Dalai Lama





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Join us at

“Dawson Creek
Literacy Now”

Scavenger Hunt!

Created By Little Lambs Play Group- Naomi MacDonald

Now that spring is officially here, we're all looking for new and exciting ways to enjoy the outdoors with our children. Come join us on a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, June 18th by the playground in Kin Park!

SIGN IN starts at 10:50. Once you are signed in you will receive your list.

For example:

- Find a smooth rock
- All members of your team must go down the slide three times
- Find 3 pine cones
- Count all the swings in the park etc..

This activity is best done with children 3 and older, however younger children / siblings can have just as much fun! All Children **MUST** be with a parent or Caregiver at all times.

You will have 1 hour to complete the list. The first 3 teams to complete the list will receive a prize! (All the kids who participate will receive a small prize.)

Then at 12 noon, we can sit down and enjoy lunch.

PLEASE Provide your own Picnic Lunch.

After lunch everyone can enjoy play time on the park while the adults chat & meet new families.

You can find me by the picnic table with the Family Scavenger Hunt sign.

ENJOY, HAVE FUN and INVITE FRIENDS!

This event is for EVERYONE that would like to come on out.

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.