



GRADE 2

J.L. Mitchener Public School

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Mrs. Ricker's Classroom Newsletter

Curriculum

Language

As well as practicing decoding strategies, students will be learning to ask questions before, during, and after reading to help aid understanding.

The grade 2s are beginning to write personal narratives using different kinds of complete sentences (statements, exclamations, questions). They will be reminded to use a capital letter at the beginning of their sentences and proper ending punctuation.

The children are learning to use dictionaries and spelling patterns to spell unfamiliar words.

Mathematics

Number sense and numeration lessons will focus on the addition/subtraction of one and two-digit whole numbers. Students will practice basic number facts strategies and work with fact families.

Students will also be working with all kinds of patterns (growing, shrinking, and repeating).

Arts

During visual arts, students will be doing some realistic drawing as well as learning about positive and negative space.

Science

Later this month, we'll started our first Science unit: Matter -Properties of Liquids and Solids. Student will have opportunities to work in groups to explore the properties of solids and liquids. They will engage in hands-on learning activities and conduct simple experiments.

Reminders

Students will be using the computer lab and classroom tablets throughout the school year. Both require headphones so that the volume can be used. Therefore, students need to have a pair of headphones to use at school. If you have not already done so, please send in a pair labelled with your child's name.

It is a good idea to label all your child's personal belongings. We have multiples of the same shoes, sweatshirts, etc.!

Our classroom Halloween party will be on Tuesday October 31st – Halloween Day! Watch for a note in the agenda pocket with more information later this month.

Mrs. Ricker