

November News!



Hi everyone! Winter seems like it is coming quickly, so please make sure your child is dressed properly when they come to school (ex. Mitts, hat, scarf, and boots). It is also a good idea to have a set of extra clothes and socks in case your child gets wet at recess.

- This month your child may come home with a reading certificate. This means he or she has moved up a reading level from September! Please remind your child to bring home books at their new reading level and continue to encourage them to read at home every night. This will give them lots of practise to move up a reading level!
- We have been discussing a variety of reading strategies in class, and these will help you at home when your child is reading to you. When they get stuck on a word, ask *what reading strategy can you use to figure this word out?* We have talked about looking at the pictures, does it make sense and does it look right? For our higher readers, after reading you can ask them who the characters are, where does it takes place (setting) and what was the problem in the story. Please make reading enjoyable for your child, and this will encourage them to work hard at their reading and gives them pride when they do move up a reading level. I am VERY proud of all our great readers! Keep working at it!
- In language, we are continuing to focus on retelling. When reading at home, please ask your child to retell the story. Grade one students are expected to retell the story, and include the main idea. Grade two students are expected to retell the story using ideas from the story, as well as including more details from the story. Try to encourage them to the words first, then, next and last, or beginning, middle and end.
- I have really started to encourage our great writers to reread and check their own writing on a daily basis. When your child has written something for you, please ask them if they have a capital at the beginning of their sentences, periods at the end, and spaces between words. It is also important for them to be aware if they have capitals in the middle of words and if their sentences make sense. This really helps them work more independently during writing time and helps them make their work better. Grade twos are being challenged to write more during writing time. They are encouraged to gather their main ideas and supporting details before they write, then remember to add the exciting details to make their writing more interesting for their readers.
- In math, we are finishing up learning about numbers from 10 to 20 (grade 1) and up to 100 (grade 2). Next, we will start addition and subtraction up to 12 (grade 1) and two-digit addition with and without regrouping (grade 2), as well as problem solving. For example, there are eight girls on the monkey bars and seven jump off. How many are on the monkey bars now? At home, you can do simple problems like this at dinner. For example, you have three carrots on your plate and I add seven more. How many carrots do you have altogether? Please use higher numbers for grade two students.
- Just a reminder that we are a peanut free school, so please make sure ALL the Halloween snacks that are in kid's lunches are peanut and tree nut free.
- Scholastic Orders for November are due on Thursday November 16th. There are some excellent choices for Christmas gifts. If your order is a gift, please let me know so I do not send them home with your child.
- Just a reminder - Friday November 17th is a P.D. day. Coming home soon is a form for interviews. Please send it back to let me know if you want an interview with me on Thursday November 16th at night or during the day on the Friday November 17th. Thank you!
- Library days this month are Thursday Nov. 2nd, Nov. 9th, Nov. 16th, and Friday Nov. 24th.

Thank you for your support!
Mrs. S. Sharpe