



GRADE 2

J.L. Mitchener Public School

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Mrs. Ricker's Classroom Newsletter

Curriculum

Language

Author of the Month: Ezra Jack Keats

Reading:

This month we are focusing on the reading comprehension strategies of visualizing and asking questions.

Writing:

Students will be writing friendly letters. They are learning to write a variety of complete sentences (statements, exclamations and questions) that include a subject and a predicate and proper punctuation.

Word Work:

- "y" ending making long e sound
- "ow" sounds
- r-controlled vowels (vowel is followed by an r, making a specific blended sound)

Mathematics

In mathematics, students are solving word problems using a variety of strategies. They are learning to work through the four steps of problem solving:

1. Understand the problem.
2. Make a plan - Choose a strategy.
3. Solve it.
4. Look back – Check your work.

Students will also be learning to add and subtract larger numbers with and without regrouping.

Arts

Visual Arts lessons thus far have focused on line, pattern and colour. Our next art projects will use the techniques of collage and printmaking. We will begin reader's theatre lessons in drama.

Social Studies/Science

In Social Studies, students are continuing to learn about Changing Family and Community Traditions. They have just started to learn about the Properties of Solids and Liquids in Science.

Important Information

- It is important that every student has a pair of headphones for use in the classroom and the computer lab. Part of our reading instruction includes listening to reading. Students need to be able to listen to their books without disrupting the other children around them. If your child does not have a pair of working headphones at school, please send in a pair as soon as possible.
- We are in need of large sized Ziplock baggies. Donations would be very much appreciated.
- Many students need glue sticks and pencils.
- Now that cold, wet weather is upon us, it is a very good idea to pack an extra pair of pants, socks and underclothes.
- The weather has changed and many students are wearing boots to school. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor running shoes for use in the classroom, the gym, and the library. Thank you.

Mrs. Ricker