Room 109 January News! Grade 3/4

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday break spent with their family and friends! As great as it was to have a couple weeks off, I look forward to returning and spending the second part of the school year with your child. I will be spending the month of January working on Term 1 Report Cards, as they will be going out the middle of February. More information will follow at a later date. Just a friendly reminder that students have a PD Day on Monday January 22rd. Please feel free to keep in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Thank-you! ☺

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**What’s happening in the classroom ….**

**Math 🡪** We are currently working towards finishing up our unit on adding and subtracting four digit numbers with/ without regrouping. Students are learning to look for those keys words that determine whether you are adding or subtracting in problem solving questions. (For example: altogether, difference, in total and how many more). Our next math unit will be in geometry, where we focus on 2D and 3D shapes and compare the number of vertices, edges and sides.

Also starting in January, we will be working on multiplication. We will begin with understanding that multiplication is just repeated addition or groups of something. For example; 3 x 5 can be understood as 3 groups of 5 or 5+5+5. Three students have five balloons each, how many are altogether?

Each week we will focus on different set of multiples that we work towards memorizing. Practice at home would also be ideal to assist with your child in gaining a solid foundation in mathematics that will help them throughout their educational years and daily life. I have always found that flashcards work well in the past so if anyone would like a copy of the flashcards that I have created for my class to use, please let me know and I will send them home with your child.

**Language 🡪** In writing, we will begin a unit on letter writing. We will be sending out our first set of letters to our grade 3 pen pals in Brantford.

Media – before the Christmas holidays, we started a media unit on advertisements. We focus on how advertisements are used to inform us something, or persuade us to buy a specific product. We started to look at what slogan/ jingle is and how some products use brand characters to encourage the sale of a product and how its important to make your packaging colouring and bright. As a final task, students will be creating a food product where they will need to invent a brand character and slogan of their own.

Reading – we will spend some time making inferences in our reading. Students will begin to ‘infer’ or make an education guess based on what you read and passed experiences.

**Social Studies 🡪** We will begin wrapping up our units on Living and Working in Ontario. Next we will focus on Canada and their province/ territories and capital cities.

**Gym/ Dance 🡪** During our gym periods, we will be spending some time on Dance. Students will be learning some different dance routines, while having the opportunity to create their own dance in a small group.