Grade 3/4 Room 109

 **May, 2016**

Dear Parent(s), ,

We have only two months remaining of our school year! It is crazy how fast the time has gone. Following the Easter break, our class had to spend some time reviewing classroom rules and student expectations. Together we are getting back on track so we all can have a successful last two months of our school year.

We have a busy month ahead of us …

**Track and Field:** Track Day will be on May 17th and Field Day will be on May 18th. Our rain date is May 22nd. We will be outside for most of the day, so please ensure your child is coming to school with appropriate clothing/ hats and sunscreen for those two days. Throughout the month of May, we will be using our gym periods to practice our Track and Field skills.

**Education Week/ Grandparent’s and Special Friend Tea:** This day will be held on May 11th from 9:15 – 10:45. RSVP’s will be sent home early this coming week. If interested, please return the RSVP cards as soon as possible.

**L.O.P:** This assembly will be held on May 16th at 2:00pm.

**Ball’s Fall’s School Trip:** Our class, along with Mrs. Maarhuis and Ms. Kruz-Daly will be going to Balls Falls on May 23rd for an outdoor hike. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

**EQAO:** The grade 3’s will be busy writing their EQAO test at the end of May beginning on May 28th until May 31st. Please avoid booking any family vacations or appointments at the end of May as it is very important for your son/daughter to be at school.

**Victoria Day:** There will be no school for students on Monday May 21st.

**Language:** Our focus for the month of May will be Non-Fiction Text. Our focus will be on specific features associated with non-fiction text and the difference between fiction and non-fiction. In writing, students will practice writing ‘information’ paragraphs about material they have read from a non-fiction text. In preparation for EQAO, we will also spend sometime reading short stories and answering questions to build on our reading comprehension. For the past month, we have been working on restating the question, answering the question and then supporting our answer by finding evidence from the text.

**Math:** During the second half of April, we finished up our units on Fractions/ Probability. We are currently working on finding missing numbers in simple algebraic equations. For example: 4 + \_\_\_ = 7 and 25 – 4 = 15 + \_\_\_. This unit will be finished up within a week, allowing us to move on to Geometry where will be looking at coordinate grids and transformations (slides, reflections and rotations) of 2D shapes on grids.

**Science:** Grade 3’s have started their final science unit on ‘Forces Causing Movement’. Final unit marks were returned for ‘Strong and Stable Structures’. Please let me know if you have any questions. Grade 4’s have finished their unit on ‘Pulley’s and Gear’s’. Later in the month, the grade 4’s will be joining Mrs. Maarhuis’ grade 4’s to finish their final science unit on ‘Rock’s and Minerals’.

**Social Studies:** Will be taught in June for both grades.