



March News From Grade 4



Curriculum Update

In Math we are in the middle of our geometry unit. We have been learning all about polygons and angles. The trickiest part of this unit is learning all the new vocabulary. We have been working very hard to learn, review and use appropriate vocabulary in our daily math discussions.

In Language, we will be reading the novel *The One and Only Ivan* as part of our first book club. It is a beautiful book that was inspired by the true story of a gorilla who, after more than a quarter century of captivity in a tourist trap, was moved to a fine habitat at Zoo Atlanta and was renowned for his art. It is a story that teaches us about friendship, humankind, art and hope. We will be learning how to be active and positive group members during discussion groups. The students will discuss their thoughts and opinions using evidence to support their thinking during book club meetings. In writing, we are just beginning a unit on Imagined Narratives. I can't wait to read about all the interesting characters and storylines the children create. In Oral Communications the students have completed their Draw My Presentation project. In pairs, the kids researched a topic of choice and orally presented it to the class relying on drawings they made to tell the story of their topic. The speaking skills we evaluated: appropriate volume, pace, fluency, and eye contact.

In Science, we are working our way through our Light and Sound unit. I'm really looking forward to the Bell Homestead field trip to learn all about how light and sound was used to invent the telephone.

Skating Trips

What a fun time we had skating on Valentine's Day! The students skated their hearts out. It was a fun way to celebrate the special day. Reminder, our last skating trip will take place on Friday, March 8th.

Valentine's Day Party

Thank you to all the families who sent in a snack for our Valentine's Day Party. The kids really enjoyed the treats.

Hoops for Heart

Several of the students in the grade 4 class have decided to participate in the James Hillier Hoops for Heart Tournament. This is a great tournament that encourages healthy physical activity and will help bring awareness and support to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The students play during first and second nutrition break. The final championship game will be played on Monday, March 4rd. Fundraising envelopes are due to Mrs. Wilson March 4th.

March Break

Students will enjoy the week of March 11 through to the 15th, for March Break. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break away from school.

Important Days to Remember

March 1 – Bell Homestead Trip

March 4 – Hoops for Heart Championship Game

March 4 – Hoops for Heart Envelopes due

March 5 – Pancake Day

March 8 – Skating and Beach Day (Colour House)

March 11 – 15 – March Break



