



MAY NEWS

THE CURRICULUM THIS MONTH....

Language: We are exploring some of the features of non-fiction texts and will be creating our own little “How-to” books. We will be sharing these on Education Week Open House Night. In Reading, we continue to focus on guided reading groups and both independent and buddy reading activities. The grade two children have been working hard on the Lexia program for additional specific support and challenges. Our next main focus will be how to read fluently, as though one is speaking. We will have a blast with Reader’s Theatre plays where we get to read and act out special parts and present the plays to other classes in the school. Kids love to make props and practise reading stories and plays at their level! When you read at home with your kids, be sure to model reading at a consistent pace and encourage children to read with expression, paying attention to characters voices and punctuation to help them know how to read a sentence correctly. We are also learning a special spring song to present on Open House night in the gym.

Math: Grade Two students will begin learning about the concepts of multiplication, division and fractions. The way they learn it in grade two is rather than memorizing facts, they learn about what it really means (e.g. 5×2 is really five groups of two. How can we draw that and write the multiplication sentence?) Please encourage your child to practise these skills at home with you. This is a very important unit that will help prepare them for grade three. Grade One children will be learning fractions and dividing wholes in halves, quarters or fourths. Its helpful to use words like this at home and practise cutting fruit etc into fractions and have your child name the fraction.

Science: Grade Two kids will explore Liquids and Solids and the stages of matter through a series of experiments. **We would love donations of baking soda, vinegar, juice and ice cube trays please!** Grade one kids will be exploring a unit on energy in our lives and learning about how the sun is the principal source of energy on the earth.

Drama:Reader’s Theatre activities and Tribes acting games.

Report cards are coming sooner than we think! If you would like to speak with me in the month of May, I am always available to meet or chat on the phone. Send me a note in the agenda if you have any questions.

REMINDERS:

THURS MAY 2: BCI TRIP
GRADE TWO KIDS

TUESDAY MAY 7 EDUCATION
WEEK OPEN HOUSE 5:30-7

MAY 12: MOTHERS DAY

TUES MAY 14TH:GRADE ONES
TRIP TO LIBRARY

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GRADE 1-2, 2019