



Grade 2/3 Newsflash!

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

It's almost impossible to believe that this week has brought us into October... We have been so very busy in grade two and three and the children have been working and growing and consistently showing me what incredible students they are. I am so fortunate to work with them all!

Language Arts

Language Arts has kept us very busy. The students have been working on building their reading stamina during Daily 5 and have been creating wonderful written passages that are personally meaningful to themselves. The children have also been introduced to grade two and three spelling words and are working hard to remember to always use written conventions in our daily work (spelling, punctuation, capitalization etc.). This month, we will begin our guided reading program through Balanced Literacy and continue to learn and practice more aspects of Daily 5. Through these reading programs, the students will have daily opportunities to practice strategies that good readers use to make sense of print. We will also begin to work on reading with meaning- using literature to help us make connections to the texts we will be enjoying.

Math

Math has kept us busy developing and extending our understanding of place value, focusing on comparing, ordering, representing and estimating numbers to 100 in grade two and to 1000 in grade three.

Science

In grade two, we are continuing with our Science unit about Small Flying and Crawling Animals—the students have been learning about various insect body parts as well as their various foods and habitats.

In grade three, we are continuing with our Science unit about Rocks and Minerals—the students have been exploring the properties of rocks and minerals using various hands on techniques.

I love hearing all their enthusiasm about science and I have noticed that they work diligently when conducting their experiments and completing their notes.

Social Studies

In grade two, we are working on our unit entitled "Looking at the World". This unit focuses on exploring three unique Canadian communities and their geography. The cities of study are: Iqaluit, Meteghan and Saskatoon. We will be studying these three cities throughout the year. Please, if you have personal experience and/or expertise with any of these cities, let me know. We would love to enrich our studies with your experience.

In grade three, we are working on our unit on Geographical Thinking Skills. After this unit, I am looking forward to celebrating and beginning our Social Studies unit, Connecting with the World – An investigation of life in four diverse communities around the world. We will be learning about life in Peru, Tunisia, India, and Ukraine. Please, if you have personal experience and/or expertise with any of these countries, let me know. We would love to enrich our studies with your experience.

Art

In art, we are completing some beautiful leafy activities – their creations are lovely.

THANKSGIVING & SHARING SOUP

On **Thursday, October 4th**, we will celebrate Thanksgiving by making **Sharing Soup**. The soup is not intended to replace their lunch, so please still send their lunch as usual. Just a reminder, each child is to bring a cut up vegetable of their choice in either a bag or container and a bowl to school. For more details please check the note that was sent home Monday in your child's agenda.

Attached is a classroom calendar for October that highlights upcoming events for this month.

I think that's everything... Once again, thank-you for EVERYTHING you are doing to support our learning!

Mrs. Kurzyk

