



April News



Spring is here! We are patiently waiting for the warmer weather to stay☺

- In Language, we are working on writing stories with a setting, characters and a sequence of events. Students are also practicing to include EXCITING words in their writing. Instead of saying *we like pizza*, we could write *we like thin crust pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms*. This helps give our readers a clear picture. Along with this, we have started talking about adding our voice to our writing. Students are encouraged to help the readers know how we feel about the topic we are writing about.
- In math, we will be learning how to tell time. In grade one, students are expected to know time to the hour and half hour (10:00, 10:30). In grade two, students are expected to know time to the quarter hour (10:15). Please make telling time a regular routine at home. The more they actively do it, the more they will remember.
- Thank you to everyone who has been reading at home! Remind your child to bring their reading bag with their reading log everyday so they can switch their books and work their way to a treasure! We have finished learning about all the reading strategies at school. When your child is reading to you and they get stuck on a word, you can guide them with these:
 - Does it make sense?
 - Look for little words in big words. Ex. Yesterday
 - Backtrack and read again. Reread and if it is not right, try something else.
 - Listen to how it sounds. Does it sound right?
 - Skip it and go on.
 - Look for key clues. Are there any clues in the word that help you? Ex. Double letters (ee, ea), familiar ending (ing).
 - Search for similarities. Does it look like another word you know? Ex. Book - Look.

After they are finished reading, you can also ask them what happened (first, second...), or who the characters are, or where the setting is in the book. I hope this helps and good luck reading!

- For those students who are starting to read chapter books, please remember that you can write down each chapter they read in their log book too.
- Thank you for sending in extra clothes to keep in their bags. Students are encouraged to stay out of the mud and water at school, but things do happen and some of us come in muddy and wet after recess. Splash pants and rubber boots are a great idea too.
- We are starting our paper bag show and tell this week (a schedule will come home). Please have your child write down three clues to describe what is inside his/her paper bag. Please encourage your child to remember the capital at the beginning of the sentence, spaces between words, period at the end, and to sound out each word.
- Special days this month → April 5th – Wear blue for Autism Awareness, April 11th – International day of Pink, April 13th – PD day (no school), April 20th – Blue and Green day (for Earth Day).
- Library days this month are: April 4th, 11th, 20th and 27th. If you were sent home a notice of an overdue library book, please bring the book back, or if you cannot find it please write a note or message through Remind to let me know that you cannot find it. You may need to send money to replace the book before your child can get out another book.
- Thanks for your help and support. S. Sharpe