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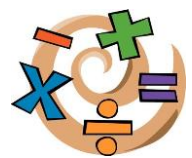
December already! Again, students should be well aware of my expectations for completing work and classroom behaviors. I give lots of opportunities for submitting work and numerous extensions. However, in Grade 6, students need to take responsibility for getting their work done and handing it in, and for making plans to complete tasks.

In Language, we continue to work on the writing process, including topic development and editing/revising. Currently, students are working on an information article about life under Taliban rule. We are learning lots about these living conditions by reading "The Breadwinner" by Deborah Ellis as the focus for our novel study. We have been enjoying other Deborah Ellis books through read-alouds. We read "No Ordinary Day", based on a girl with leprosy living in India, and are currently reading "No Safe Place", about a boy from Iraq trying to find his way in the world. We have enjoyed many discussions surrounding these books and heavy topics.



Our language focus has led nicely into our current Social Studies topic, which centers around human rights, and our rights and responsibilities as Canadian citizens. Be sure to have discussions at home about these topics.

We are now into a geometry unit in Math. Students recently completed an assessment (quiz) to inform me as to their understanding of polygons and angles. We reviewed any gaps together, and students will have an opportunity to show their new understanding in later assessments. As for our timestables practice (Math Wizard), many students are showing a lot of progress. Students should continue to practice at home.



Don't forget Gym stuff! Remember that *students are to change every day* (t-shirt and shorts are preferred) and have proper footwear (running shoes). Our gym days are Days 1, 3 and 5.

Holidays are fast approaching! While we are not participating in this year's Christmas Concert (it's mostly Primary classes), we will be watching it on Wednesday, December 20th. All parents are welcome to attend.

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