



## Nouvelles de la première année... Février 2018

February is shaping into a very interesting month. We have discussed the legend of the ground hog seeing his shadow on February 2. We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and recognizing a lot of other special days this month, keep your calendar handy! Dufferin will have a Carnaval d'hiver on Friday, Feb. 16 with outdoor games during the 2<sup>nd</sup> block (11:10 – 1:10).

We are looking forward to two family yoga nights this month, Feb. 1 and 8<sup>th</sup>. The children enjoyed our five classes with Mme Cheryl from Bhava Tree yoga very much. We made her a card with lovely drawings of our favourite poses.

We'll be focused on the theme of Friendship this month. We'll talk a lot about the qualities of a good friend. Pink shirt day will give us an opportunity to talk about tolerance and how we work together to confront bullying. It's also Black History month. We'll have a read aloud about Viola Desmond, which will lead into more discussion of positive character traits.

Our first report card will be going home on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. There is an area for students to record their thoughts about their strengths and goals for improvement and an additional area for parents to comment on their child's progress and ways in which they can support their child. Please take the time to review the report card as a family and help your child fill in their comments. There are no parent-teacher interviews scheduled. If you would like to speak to me about your child's progress, please send a note and we will set up a date that is suitable to your schedule.

### Curriculum

#### Français

Our theme for February is friendship. We will start to learn to describe our friends using appropriate **adjectives** and by the end of the month we are going to create a project to show off our classmates. According to the Chinese zodiac, your 2011 Rabbit children are gentle, sensitive and compassionate. ❤️ We have begun counting how many sight words we know this month. Our goal is to be able to read 100 words (or more!). We will also be counting 100 books read, and completing a simple book report. We will learn about the characteristics of fiction and non-fiction books.

#### Math

We will continue to work on Number Sense and our unit on Geometry. We will be working hard on the numbers from 60-100 and Problem Solving with adding and subtracting. We will learn the names and properties of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes. There will be

centres in which we explore their properties, such as rolling and sliding shapes and we will also build castles with the solids. We will get to a unit on telling time at the end of the month.

Science: M. Zylstra continues with the unit on daily and seasonal cycles.

Art: This month we will be creating winter pictures using a variety of techniques and materials. We will be exploring warm and cool colours as well as the emotions represented by these colours.

Dance/Drama/Music: We are busy learning our two songs and choreography for our role as the little green aliens in the school play.

Social Studies: The children are working on their time lines, recording significant events in their lives.

**Chinese New Year, 100 Day, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day:** We have lots of fun learning activities planned to

tie in with these celebrations. Please do not send a lot of candy with your child's Valentine's this year, our Gr. 1's have energy to burn! I will provide some special treats throughout the month.

If you have any questions, please call the school 519-752-8232, or send a note in your child's agenda.

Don't forget to check the school website for more news. Our Parent Council also posts information about their work to help improve conditions for learning at Dufferin. You can find us at:

<http://www.granderie.ca/dufferin>

Happy February!  
Mme Gorecki,



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