**OCTOBER**

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**GRADE 6/7 CLASS NEWS**

**We’re off to a great start. Many of the Grade 6/7 class have been working hard in all aspects of their program. They are working at leading by example and at having a good transition into their final years at T.C.E.S .**

**As part of our language curriculum, your child is working on an individualized word study program. He/She should be completing about three lists per month (often on his/her own time). This system is self-administered and teacher-monitored. I am glad to see many parents offering dictations. Be sure to initial these tests if you have given one to your child at home. We hope to see real gains in your child’s vocabulary and spelling ability. Also, they are encouraged to keep up with the rest of their independent study language program (Nelson, Jamestown, X-Zone. etc.) Ask them about how it works!**

**Also, students are encouraged to continuously use all “descriptive feedback” given to them to try to bump up their work. Remind them to always refer to given “success criteria” when completing work!**

**Leadership opportunities abound in Grade 6 and 7 and many have taken the bull by the horns! Many students are helping out and/or assisting other staff with school jobs (kindergarten helpers, display case organizers, special day leaders), and behaving as positive role models! We should all be proud! Special congratulations to the many students who ran for student council in our class. There were some great speeches but ultimately the class chose Hope Fair and Gurn Natt as our representatives!!!**

**Good luck all grade 6 and 7 orienteering participants and cross-country runners!!! Also, good luck to our soccer teams!!! The holiday weekend is soon too…so enjoy your time together on that long weekend! We will be holding our annual “Turkey Bowl” for football in gym class on Friday. Participants will enjoy and get to “gobble” a piece of turkey kielbasa if the give it their best!**

**Reminder: REMIND App!!! If you haven’t already done so...please sign up for the Reminder text notifications. Your child should is also encouraged to regularly be using some form of agenda or work tracker app. Daily, he/she should write assignments and reminders off the front whiteboard in the class. Also, important upcoming school dates and test or due dates should be recorded. Encourage the use of a type of planner as a valuable organization tool.**

**SOME CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Math:** Numeration (Exponents/square Roots, Factors, Multiples) Data Management, Problem Solving cont.

**Reading:** BIG IDEA Asking Questions concludes, Making Connections begins, Personal Reading, Skill Series (Inferences, sequencing), Holes novel continues, Current Events start

**Writing:** *Creative Pieces:* Narrative: mystery writing, etc.. Word Study Program (leveled), *Punctuation* unit, Editing

**Science:** Heat cont.(7) Flight cont. (6)

**Geography:** Patterns in Physical Geo cont.(7) **Social Studies**: Canada and the Global Community (6)

**Phys. Ed:** Football, Cross Country/Orienteering, Outdoor Cooperative Games (Frisbee Golf, etc.)

**Health:**  Personal Safety/Healthy Eating

**Arts:** Mimicking Monet, Art History, puppetry

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**:

1. Our **current events presentations** will begin this month! Daily, one child will provide the class with a summary/brief discussion of an interesting thematic event from the internet, a newspaper or other media source. This month’s theme is a hard news story.
2. Make sure each child has access to a working **calculator** with an exponent and square root function please!

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