

# Tuesday, October 31

## Class Halloween Party

We will be having a class party for Halloween! Students are welcome to bring in treats so long as they are store bought and nut free.

Please wear your costumes. Do not send any small accessories...we don't want anyone to be sad that something was accidentally broken or lost.

There will be a Halloween parade first thing in the morning. Students will parade through the classes joining on and will all assemble on the back playground for some fun activities and dances. Parents are welcome to watch.



# October News – Grade 3/4

## Learning Skill Focus:

### *Responsibility and Independent Work:*

- following class routines (eg: morning routine, what to do when finished work and where to put finished work)
- staying focused on the task at hand
- completing work within the time frame given.
- not distracting others or chatting when finished work
- doing their best work and checking over when finished
- listening carefully to instructions and lessons.

## Curriculum Connections:

*Language:* We are focusing on writing sentences and will move into paragraph writing. In reading, we are listening to the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and completing a variety of responses. We are also discussing features of fiction.

*Math:* **Grade 3** – Addition and Subtraction – 3 digits with regrouping.

**Grade 4** – Addition and Subtraction – 4 digits with regrouping.

Problem solving questions with a focus on interpreting important info from the question and organizing responses.

*Social Studies:* - **Grade 3** – Ontario

**Grade 4** - Canada

*Art:* Elements of design – Line: creating Thanksgiving zentangles

*Health:* Personal Safety

**Grade 3:** Safety in a variety of situations (Halloween, bike)

**Grade 4:** Internet Safety

## Important Dates for the Calendar

5 – Field Trip to the Norfolk Fair

6 – Character Ed. Assembly

9 – Thanksgiving – No School

27 – Picture Retake Day

31 - Halloween

## Differentiated instruction in a split grade classroom:

I want to take this opportunity to explain how I execute two curriculums in a single classroom. Please be assured that each grade receives appropriate materials.

Most of the curriculum lends itself nicely to complete one lesson. Two different tasks are given or one is assessed based on grade expectations. For example: Math can be taught in one lesson with an extension for the grade 4s and two different tasks (e.g. addition of 3 digits for grade 3 vs. addition of 4 digits for grade 4). Language is taught much the same way.

Different lessons are provided for subjects such as social studies or science where two different concepts are being taught.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

## Book Orders:

Book orders will be placed once a month. Payments can be made online or with cheque please.

Spelling: We are currently reviewing the 200 most frequently used words. We will start a formal program with tests once we finish this list.

Home Reading: Until a home reading program is set up please enjoy reading with your child however they like best and whatever they like best. Just be sure to read something every day!