



Mrs. Wilson

November

James Hillier has had a very busy fall!!! From field trips to sporting events to creative work at school, it has been a fun month of October! The grade 4/5 class have proved their school spirit, school involvement and enthusiasm by being involved in several of the activities this school has to offer. I am very pleased with the number of students trying out for teams, lunch helpers and showing their school spirit by participating in Colour House days. Keep up the good work grade 4/5 kids! We have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming winter months.

Curriculum

In reading and oral communications, we just finished our unit on *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. What a fun and exciting read this book proved to be. Throughout the unit, students completed several reading response activities. Some students even created their own reader response ideas inspiring other students to do the same. Students brought in Lego scenes and characters, and made symbols to represent characters from the novel. The students have demonstrated excellent understanding of this book through their creative Wanted Posters and Character Portraits. Congratulations grade 4/5s on a unit well done! We are now moving into a unit called *Listening to Your Inner Conversation*. This is where we begin to learn about reading comprehension strategies and that reading is thinking. Over the next few weeks we will be reading several

different kinds of texts including nonfiction articles and leaving tracks along the way. This means, we will write down what we are thinking as we read. This kind of reading demonstrates how well the students are understanding what they are reading.

In writing, we are continuing to learn about the Writing Process.



We are currently writing paragraphs about monster sandwiches. We will be moving toward writing multiple paragraphs very shortly.

In math, we are just finishing up our unit on Patterning. The final unit test will be on Monday, November 6th. Students are completing reviews at school to prepare for the test. Our next unit of study will be linear measurement.

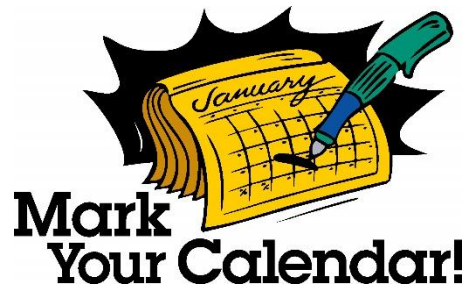
In grade 4 social studies we have been making our way across Canada. We are learning about the people, environment and regions of Canada. We have learned that Canada is divided up into 7 physical land regions. We have focused on the landforms, climate and industry in these areas. We will be starting the culminating task next week. Keep your eye on the agenda and social studies book for more information.

In grade 5 social studies, the students are researching a political party and will present it to the class. We will then have a discussion about which political party they feel is the best for Canada. Our final piece to this unit will be learning about the Rights and Responsibilities of Canadians.

In drama, we are just in the beginning planning stages of a big theatrical performance. The students are writing scripts for a play based on an event from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Each group will be responsible for the writing, practicing, presenting and creating backdrops and costumes for their skit.

Field Trips

We went on a very exciting field trip this month. Our trip to the Norfolk Fair and Horse Show was fantastic. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who joined us on the trip. We had such a beautiful day to explore all the fair had to offer. I know my group loved the animals, tractors and of course all the food!! Other groups were able to track down all the stamps to complete the booklet including the mystery stamp. I think it was a positive learning experience overall. Our next trip will be on Thursday, November 23 to Apps Mill. Please keep an eye on the agenda for the permission slip coming home soon.



Halloween

What a great day we had. It was a lot of fun to see the scary, creative and funny costumes in our classroom. All the students participated in and enjoyed the parade and Colour House Monster Mash. Thank you to all the families who brought in treats and snacks to share.

Important Dates to Remember

Random Act of Kindness Day -
Nov. 3

Hat Day - Nov. 3 (\$2.00
donation to United Way)

Remembrance Day - Nov. 11

Progress Reports go Home -
Nov. 15

P.A. Day - Nov. 17

Parent/Teacher Interviews -
Nov. 16, 17

Apps Mill - Nov. 23