



January News From Grade 4/5

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CURRICULUM CONTINUED

Welcome 2018!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school in the year 2018. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. We are already off and running in the grade 4/5 classroom. With only being back at it for a few days of 2018, we have already started a new reading and writing unit, math unit and have continued our science work. We have a lot to look forward to this year and I'm sure it will include a bit more cold weather before it warms up. So let's remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Extra socks are always a good idea, and remember your indoor shoes!

Curriculum

In math, we are continuing to work through number sense and numeration focusing on multiplication. During class time, we will be practicing our times tables through games and activities. Please encourage and help your child to study and practice their facts to 9×9 . Knowing our multiplication facts are the building blocks to many math concepts. There are many ways to do this such as flash cards, card games, online games and plain old memorization.

A fun and easy card game to play is Dueling Products, a game similar to War.

Rules: Deal out all the cards to 2 players (remove the kings and queens) keeps the jokers they are zero.

Players flip over one card at a time. The first player to correctly multiply the two cards wins the cards. The object is to try and win all your opponents cards.

To add difficulty to the games include the queens as 11 and kings as 12.

In language, we have started our new reading unit on visualization and answering questions while reading the novel *The One and Only Ivan*. During this unit we will be using our brains to imagine the story in our minds and add extra details using our senses. In writing and art, we will be beginning a new and exciting unit on Graphic Novels. We will be writing and illustrating our own graphic novel. I'm really looking forward to seeing and reading the creativity the students will pour into these comics. What new super heroes and villains will be invented???

In gym, we will start to learn about and play basketball. As a reminder, our scheduled gym days are 3 and 5. Please remember to have your running shoes at school on those days so you don't miss out on the fun we have during gym. Gym shoes can always be left at school during the week on the shelf in the coat closet.

In science, we are continuing our science unit on Habitats (grade 4) and The Human Body (grade 5). We will be moving into final at school projects shortly. Stay tuned for more information on these projects in the upcoming weeks.

Dates to Remember:

Skating – Friday, January 12 9am - 11am

****Remember your skates and CSA approved helmet.**

Pizza day every Tuesday.

Hot Lunch Fridays – Check cash online for information

January 22 – PA Day



