

# THE GRADE 4/5 TIMES

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Mrs. Zandberg



## Important Dates

March 1-Math quiz and Zumba

March 8-Zumba

March 9-Irish Day

March 12-16-March Break

March 17-Saint Patrick's Day

March 20-Start of Spring

March 20-Scholastic Due

March 28-Math Calendar Due

March 29-Assembly/Colour House Day

March 30-No School



## Joke of the Month

Q: Why is it dangerous to do math in the jungle?

A: Because if you add four and four, you get ate!

## News for the Month of March!

### Welcome to March!

It is hard to believe, but the month of March has crept up quickly and here it is! The month of February brought much excitement into the school starting with school events such as Zumba and Mardi Gras. Hopefully, March will bring us the long-awaited warmer weather we are anticipating. I hope that everyone will have a wonderful March Break with their children, and that the weather cooperates with any plans.

### Travelling Journal

Starting on March 19th, we will be starting our Travelling Journal. The purpose of this journal is to promote writing outside the classroom. Students will be writing a short story accompanied by their own illustration. Each

will have the journal for three nights and they will be following a schedule I have already organized. It is important that each student returns the journal on time so we can stick to the schedule!

### Mardi Gras

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated many things as a school. We were lucky enough to have our amazing parent volunteers prepare pancakes for a delicious treat. I know we all enjoyed sharing the time together! Later that day Mme. Houwer and the Grade 7's organized an exciting Mardi Gras celebration. We were treated to delicious food and ten fun activity centres. We ended the day wearing our masks and dancing in a Mardi Gras parade! It was a fun day for all!

### Questions and Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's agenda. This is a good way to communicate back and forth, and I will respond as soon as possible.

**Scholastic Book Order is Due March 20!!**

## March Curriculum Areas

### LANGUAGE

Oral Communication: Oral retelling, reflecting, relating, and summarizing from independent novel reading, small and large group discussions, and oral reading of a poem.

Reading: Home reading program, independent, shared, and guided reading. For March, our reading activities as a class will focus on fiction texts and looking at the components of a narrative.

Writing: Journal entries, reading responses, Working with Words, and adding detail and description to our writing. We will be working on writing a newspaper article, and students will also be creating an advertisement for the Homes section of a newspaper. As a class, we are going to continue using graphic organizers before we start writing.

Media Literacy: Students will be creating a collage of pictures to depict the mood of a poem. We will be focusing on how we can help the environment. We will be looking at

posters, ads, and videos about the environment. Students will then be creating a poster with an important message related to protecting the environment.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We are currently not working on Social Studies.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Co-operative games, floor hockey, basketball skills.

### MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE

Music- Mrs. Wootton is working on Ukelele. Drama and Dance-We are working to further develop acting through role play, creative movement, and props.

### MATHEMATICS

We are finishing up our unit on Measurement and Time. Please practice multiplication tables with your child. More practice will only benefit them for the rest of this school year and the next school year.

### SCIENCE

Grade 4- Our unit is focusing on Light and Sound. Grade 5-

### VISUAL ARTS

We will be working towards a larger project. Students will also be continuing to learn about value and a variety of mediums.