

February Newsletter



Grade 2 - Banbury Heights PS – Feel our Compassion, See our Pride, Hear our ROAR!

Will the groundhog see his shadow!?!

Are you hoping for an early spring? Whether we are embracing the weather or grumbling about it, there are many things to celebrate! Term 1 Report Cards are coming home on February 15th. Grade 2 students have worked VERY hard on improving their reading, writing and math skills! Well done to all of 2B's wonderful students. You make me proud to be your teacher! Welcome Term 2!

Volunteers

Volunteers are a really important part of our school program. There is a new component to being allowed to volunteer in all Grand Erie Schools – AODA online training. I have been informed by the office that only two 2B parents have completed the training. The link for the videos is

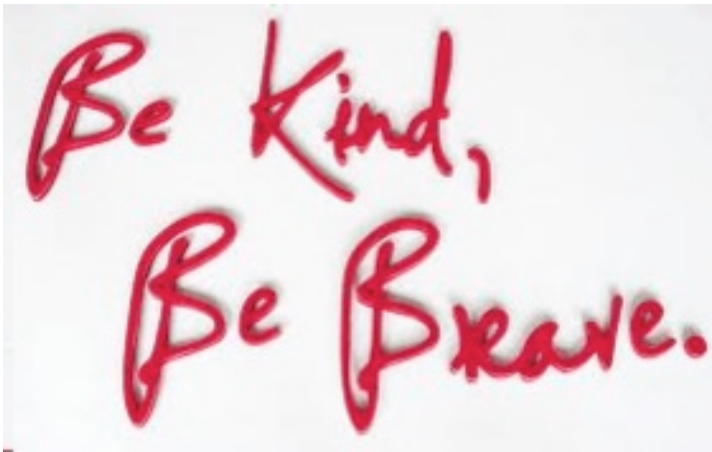
To fill out the "I completed the training form..."

<http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/learning/working-together-code-and-aoda>
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The AODA online training is good for life. Volunteer Police checks are now good for 3 years. Thank you in advance!

It's Friendship Month...



Fabulous February

We will be having a Valentine's Celebration and dance on February 14th. There are 19 students in 2B. If you would like to send in some healthy snacks to add to our party, please make sure they are nut free.

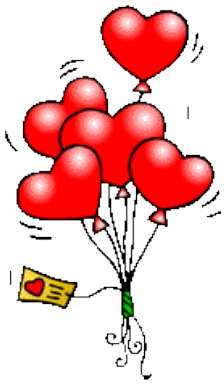
Making Connections

Our next language focus will be on making connections. There are 3 main connections: text to self, text to text and text to world. We will be paying special attention to text to self connections this month.

Students who make connections while reading are better able to understand the text they are reading. It is important for students to draw on their prior knowledge and experiences to connect with the text. Students have been creating life experiences since birth, therefore it is easy for them to activate prior knowledge. "This reminds me of..." and "If that happened to me I would..." are two excellent prompts you can use home while reading together.

Valentine Card List:

Matthew, Tailyn, Miya, Ryelan,
Wyatt, Evan, Tuleine, Joshua, Cole,
Nathan, Geoffrey, Lexton,
Hailley, Calli, Quinton, Hayden,
Landon, Abby, Bella



Important Dates:

February 15th – Report Cards
February 9th - Book Orders Due
February 14th – Valentine's Day Party
February 16th – Mega Hoops
February 19th - Family Day
NO SCHOOL
Feb 21st - Drum Fit

Reading

In reading we have been working on making accurate predictions and inferences using prior knowledge. Your child continues to work on texts at their own reading level and building stamina to read independently for 20 minutes. We will be focusing on text to self-connections in February.

Writing

Procedural writing is well underway. Students in Grade 2 are exploring the proper use of punctuation (including commas) and working on adding details to their pieces!

Math

In math students have been working on measuring length, perimeter and area. Later this month we will move on to symmetry and 3D shapes. Students will be learning to identify shape names, faces (the 2D surfaces of a 3D shape), vertices (corners), and edges (where the 2 faces meet).

The Home Connection

Please read with your child daily and sign their agenda. Please also, help your child prepare for Spelling Tests on Fridays. Each week your child is asked to complete 2 Math Grids at home. Math Grid drills happen at school on Fridays. Reviewing work that comes home with your child and helping them in areas where they demonstrate difficulty will help them to scaffold their learning success as we continue to build on prior knowledge and move through the curriculum.

Websites to Check Out!

<http://ixl.com/signin/banburyheights>

A site that contains a variety of games that cover all the basics of grade 2 and 3 math and more. Your child's log-in information is in the front of their agenda.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/>

A site where you can register for free and your child can set a reading goal and work toward achieving it.

Reading Skills – How Can I Help My Grade 2 Child's Reading Comprehension? By Stuart Ackerman Msc. Ed, BA

Reading is a cumulative process. As each school year passes, your child builds the knowledge and skills that are necessary for becoming a better reader. Reading with your child and helping him or her practice specific skills will dramatically improve your child's ability to read.

What follows are ideas for grade 2 and 3 reading comprehension activities that you can do with your child to build the skills he or she needs to be a better reader. As a parent you can help your child want to learn in a way no one else can. That desire to learn is key to your child's future academic success. Try to incorporate any or all of the following strategies at home. For the following strategies you can use your child's favourite books, sign out new ones from the library, or purchase more from your home collection.

- ✓ Have your child read a variety of texts such as instructional books, folk tales, and fairy tales.
- ✓ Have your child look at the pictures while he or she reads and make predictions.
- ✓ Ask your child about the main events of a story.
- ✓ Have your child retell the story by including important facts about the story or non-fiction text.
- ✓ Read aloud stories to your child and ask your child what he or she visualized while you were reading. Make sure your child includes good adjectives to describe his or her visualizations.
- ✓ Ask your child what the story reminds them of.

