

February News in Grade 2/3

THE CURRICULUM THIS MONTH

Language Program: Our literacy this month will focus on Valentine's Day as a theme and Black History Month. We will be using some of the reading comprehension strategies that we learned over the past few months. Kids will use these strategies before, during and after listening in order to understand the meaning of oral texts. Our big focus has been on asking ourselves "Can I re-tell what I have just read or heard?" and "Do I understand the text?" We have been working hard on writing complete paragraphs in both grade 2 and 3 and using this format to respond to our reading. This takes lots of practise. If you are ever wondering where your kids should be at in writing you can search online. Type in Grade 2 or 3 Writing Exemplar, Ontario. There will be specific examples of what constitutes a Level 4 (A), Level 3 (B) and so on. I always find it's a handy tool to at least have a quick look at. We will also begin to start editing and publishing our work. We will be doing book reviews and creating little books with stories made by us! The writing process takes time to learn and each student is working at their own level. In our guided reading groups, I will begin guiding kids through written responses to the text etc.

Math: We will begin our 2D Geometry and Symmetry unit. We will explore polygons, vertices etc and grade three students will go on to learn about translations, reflections and rotations and the concept of a right angle. We will incorporate some art into this fun math unit.

Social Studies: Grade 2 Changing Family and Community Traditions. Grade 3– Early Settlements and Pioneers unit.

Music: We have been learning a lot in Music class and the fun continues in February! We finished creating our own cards we will be presenting them to the class. Ask your child to see if they can clap their rhythm cards for you at home! We have been learning many note names, singing songs and we will learn about some fancy music terms, such as *forte* and *staccato*.

In Health, we have been talking a lot about healthy foods and the food groups. We will talk about where our food comes from and what there are on our environment when we transport food from farms and factories to the grocery stores. We will hopefully have time this month to create our own healthy food board games as well! up the hard work Grade Twos and Threes!~Mrs. Getty

Valentine's Day Class Party: Your child will come home with a list of classmates this week. There should be 20 including your child. It will be stapled into agendas for writing your Valentines. If you would like, feel free to send in snacks or treats for the party. Fruit and veggie trays, crackers, chips, sliced oranges etc are great ideas. We have a dairy allergy in our class, so please be aware of this. Thank you thank you in advance. Have a great month!

Please see the important dates listed on the school website and on the handout provided last week. February is a busy month! We will also be adding each of these dates as reminders in our agendas so be sure to check and initial daily. Thanks so much.

Report Cards: They will be going home on Thursday Feb 15th. If you would like to chat about your child's progress before or after receiving the report card, I am always available to meet with you or to contact you via phone call. Send me a note in your child's agenda and I will get back to you.

Thank you so much for all you do as parents. It really does take a village to raise kids up. Please know that the extra time and effort you spend supporting your children with projects, reading, homework etc does not go unnoticed and is so much appreciated.

