



May News



Dear Parents,

Hasn't this week been absolutely wonderful! It's a true Canadian spring when you can go from an ice day to 26 degree weather in a span of 2 weeks! ☺ -- but I'm sure no one is complaining after our long winter! I hope that everyone is able to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

In language, we are beginning our unit on nonfiction reading and writing. We will be learning what features non-fiction texts have to help us when we are reading. We will also be learning to pick out VIPs (Very Important Points) when we are reading non-fiction texts. VIP's are the most important information/facts about a topic. This means that students must rank their facts in order of importance or novelty, to arrive at the **MOST** important information. To finish this unit, we will be completing a research project at school about a Canadian animal. First we will gather our facts and write them into jot notes, then we will do a rough copy where we put the jot notes into our own sentences, and finally we will publish our research and share it with our classmates. All of the reading and writing will be done at school, however if students want to find additional facts or pictures at home and bring in to school that is fine.

In math we have finished our geometry unit and are beginning to work on fractions. Grade 1 students will learn to divide whole objects, or sets of objects, into equal groups of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. Grade 2 students will review fractional names, as well as compare the size of different fractions and regroup fractions ($\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{5}{4} = 1 \frac{1}{4}$). After fractions we will be moving onto time. Grade 1 students will learn to tell time to the whole and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, using both digital and analogue clocks. Grade 2 students will be learning to tell time to the $\frac{1}{4}$ hour. Quarter to --- is the most difficult concept for Grade 2's as the hour changes from digital time to analogue time (for example 2:45 is also a quarter to 3.) Please practice telling time on both digital and analogue clocks, in real life situations (for example supper will be at 5:00, or set your alarm for 7:30) to help your children with this upcoming unit.

In Grade 2 social studies we are continuing to investigate different communities around the world. The children are finding it very interesting, as they see how children their age live in different communities, and meet their own needs.

I think that these are all of the highlights for the month of May. As always please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Suzie Johnson

P.S. Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms!!!

