

Grade 4/5 Newsletter

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Language & The Arts

This month in language, we will be studying the text features found within fiction texts and using these features to form book summaries. We will also begin to look at non-fiction text features and participate in a mini poetry unit. Spelling tests will continue throughout this month. In music, we will be learning all about the instruments found within an orchestra with a focus on classical and baroque music. Early in October, we will be creating a cute Autumn craft so please send in a clean (no labels please), pint sized (medium) mason jar with your child. Note: the lid is not necessary, but it can be helpful for labelling your child's jar.

Mathematics

After our unit test on Patterning (increasing and decreasing sequences /t-tables and repeating patterns), we will begin Number Sense & Numeration. A focus for both grades during this unit will be developing an understanding of place value (ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands, etc.), how to write numbers in words, expanded form, & with base ten blocks, adding/subtracting multi-digit numbers, basic multiplication (we will also continue our Mad Minute Monday challenge), and more. Feel free to ask your child to bring his/her math duotang/folder/workbook home on weekends to review.

Science & Social Studies

The grade 4's will continue to enjoy time with the other grade fours and Mrs. Wilson in their study on habitats, and the grade 5's will continue working with myself on the unit: Human Body Systems. In Social Studies, the grade 4's will begin to learn all about Canada- the provinces, territories, capitals, varying landforms and other physical regions, economic sectors, and more! The grade 5's will begin to learn all about the Canadian government to include how our government is formed, the different responsibilities involved in the federal, provincial and municipal governments, our political parties and the upcoming election.

Other Important Information

Mme. Naisbitt will continue to teach French and Health to our class. For safety purposes, please make sure your child has proper footwear at school on gym days (cycle days 3 & 5). We will be doing a mixture of indoor and outdoor gym activities in October. Our class will be going on a field trip in early November- stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 4: Mason Jars due today (start craft Monday morning)

Oct. 8 : P.D. Day (no school for students)

Oct. 9: Grade 4's to Norfolk Fair with Mrs. Wilson's class

Oct. 10: Cross Country Meet

Oct. 11: 1st Character Ed. Assembly "Respect"

Oct. 14 Happy Thanksgiving! No school.

Oct.15: Scholastic Book Orders due (preferred method of payment is through Parent Pay on the website, but I will accept cash or cheque as well).

Oct.31: Annual Halloween Parade & Class Party (no blood, weapons or masks)

Notes & Reminders:

- Please check your child's **agenda** nightly for new and important information.
- If you haven't done so already and would like to, please join **Remind 101** for digital updates and reminders on events in the classrooms.
- **Cold and Flu season is here!** If you could spare a box of Kleenexes for our classroom, we'd be incredibly grateful.
- Refillable **water bottles** are **highly** recommended. Students will not be permitted to keep open canisters on their desks, and leaving the room repeatedly for sips at the fountain can become disruptive to their learning.