

# November

2019

Mrs. Sawdyk Coverdale- Grade 1-2

**Language:** First of all, my continued thanks to our amazing parent volunteers for the Home Reading Program, who come in four times a week to read with your children. This means the kids get more one to one time to practise reading skills and strategies. Thank you to you as parents who help your children with the books each night. This program really really makes a difference and I can already see it during our class lessons and guided reading groups. We have been learning about strategies that good readers use and word patterns to help us solve unfamiliar words. In our writing, grade ones are expected to use their sounds to write at least one complete sentence remembering a capital and a period. Grade twos are working on more complex sentence structure and using details to expand our ideas. We have just begun introducing an editor's checklist to both grades. For example, did I use an uppercase to start? Did I use finger spaces between words? Have I used my dictionary to spell words? Etc. We have also been working on oral communication by showing appropriate listening and speaking skills in class. We have played some fun drama games to help with these skills.

**Math:** Both grades have been learning numbers sense skills. We are practising our skip counting (2s, 5s, 10s) and grade twos can practise going beyond a 100. Children have been working on representing whole numbers in different ways (how many ways can you show ten?) and working at addition and subtraction with fun games, technology and some basic worksheets. Abcya is a website that offers some additional math games you can do at home. Make it fun! Grade two kids are working on double digit addition and subtraction. Next we begin to work on Data Management. This means taking information and plotting it onto graphs or reading and interpreting what the data says on a series of graphs. The children always have a blast conducting surveys with their peers ( e.g. "Whats your favourite sport?" then making it into a

**Art:** We are exploring watercolour and various textures to create unique pieces for Halloween and Remembrance Day.

**Social studies** is wrapping up for both grades. Next we begin science! The grade ones are exploring structures with Mrs Metcalfe and grade two kids will be learning about animals and specific adaptations that animals have to meet their needs.

**Remembrance Day:** Our school is having an assembly on Nov 11. We will be reading stories and talking about this in class. Please take a moment to chat with your child, they may have lots of questions as Remembrance Day approaches.

**Character Education:** Our focus for the month is cooperation. We will be looking at how children can do their very best to work together effectively during class and play time.

**Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar:**

Safety Village- Wed Nov 6

Remembrance Day Assembly- Mon Nov 11

Parent Teacher Interviews- Thurs Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> is a PA day)