

# Grade 4/5 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 1:** Interview Preference Sheets due

**Nov. 6:** 'Bohemian Rhapsody' Concert

**Nov. 11:** Remembrance Day Assembly @10:30 a.m.

**Nov. 13:** Progress Reports go home

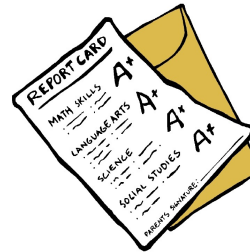
**Nov. 12:** Academic/ Character Ed. Assembly "Integrity" + Book Fair starts

**Nov. 13:** Interview Night

**Nov. 14** Interviews/ P.D. Day (no school)

**Nov. 14:** Scholastic Book Orders due

**Nov. 19** Apps Mills trip



## Language & The Arts

This month in language, we will complete our Autumn poetry booklets and move into story writing using the elements of a fiction text we studied earlier in the year. We will also create book summaries. Spelling tests will continue throughout the month, as will our class read aloud work on "The Lightning Thief". In music, we will continue to learn all about the instruments found within an orchestra with a focus on classical and baroque music. We will have a test sometime this month. In Art, we will be working on sketching using charcoal pencils to create a Remembrance Day work of art to display in the hallway.

## Mathematics

In math this month, our focus for both grades will continue to be on developing an understanding of place value, 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. We will have lots of mini quizzes as this unit is quite big, and then a unit test at the end of the unit (hopefully by the end of November). Feel free to ask your child to bring his/her math duotang/folder/workbook home on weekends to review. Regrouping in subtraction and long division can be a tricky area for many students.

## 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. Both these units should be finishing up this month, with projects and/or tests on the horizon. In Social Studies, the grade 4's will continue to learn all about Canada-the provinces, territories, capitals, varying landforms and other physical regions, economic sectors, and more. The grade 5's will continue 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, and more.

**Other News:** we have an upcoming trip to Apps Mills that permission forms will be going home for shortly. It will be most of the day, outdoors, and we will need at least 1 parent volunteer (or more) to attend. Thank you ☺

## Notes & Reminders:

- **Hot lunches** resume this month!
- **Book Fair** will run during Interviews on the Thursday evening and from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on the Friday.
- Please make sure your child comes to school with **running shoes on gym days**. It's unsafe for them to participate in non-athletic shoes. Gym days are always on the agenda board for students to write down.
- With the winter weather approaching, please make sure your child has a pair of **indoor shoes** to change into. Our floor & carpet gets messy otherwise.
- Please check your child's **agenda** nightly for new and important information.
- Refillable **water bottles** are **highly** recommended. Students will not be permitted to keep open canisters on their desks.