## **Important Dates:**

**Nov. 11** Remembrance Day

Progress Reports go home

**Nov. 14** Harvest Meal Book Fair

Interviews after school

Nov. 15 PD Day

**Book Fair** 

Interviews in AM

**Nov. 28** Boys int. volleyball

**Next month**: Gift and Food Drive, girls Int. volleyball, junior volleyball and Christmas concert!

## **REMEMBER**

Bring a full water bottle daily and gym clothes (white t-shirt and black shorts and indoor running shoes). Deoderant is also needed!

If you have not sent in paper towels or Kleenex, please do so.

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## Dear parents and students:

Thank you for sharing Hallowe'en treats with our class, and for doing such a great job on all of the costumes. Hallowe'en is my favourite time of year, and the colour orange is just an added bonus!

It's hard to believe that November is here and that means progress reports have been written and are being sent home. This is also the time for parent and student and teacher interviews. I would like each student to attend the interview with their parent(s) since it is their progress and goals we are discussing.

A brief curriculum outline:

Language The students are currently polishing off their Remembrance Day poems. Our reading groups are underway, and we are continuing the class read aloud of Empty by Suzanne Weyn. Our focus for reading responses continues to be on making meaningful connections from the text to the world around us, in particular to current events. We are also going to be looking at point of view in relation to non-fiction articles. The students are working on point of view in social studies as well.

Math We are applying number sense and numeration skills in our unit on measurement. The students are solving perimeter, area and volume problems. Please continue to work on those basic math facts at home. It is paying off with student automaticity and mental math!

Science/Social Studies/Geography/

**<u>History</u>** We have switched to Social Studies (6) and Geography (7). We completed

our class Student Vote, and if it had been up to our children, it would have been a majority NDP federal government. The 6's have self-selected a variety of topics to complete an inquiry on an historical event from two different perspectives. The 7's are currently analyzing geographical regions in Canada (landforms, climate, vegetation, etc.), and looking at how humans have impacted the environment in that region. We will return to science by December.

Health and Phys. Ed. In phys. ed., we currently developing volley ball skills. In Health, we are going to continue with the MINDUP program to support mental health and a safe space in our classroom.

<u>Visual Arts and Drama</u> The students are going to be memorizing a self-selected poem and presenting this in front of the class. We will also do some charades. They will also be finishing up a Remembrance Day poster.

Thanks so much for supporting your child as they grow into young, responsible adults. I look forward to meeting with you during interviews,

Mrs. Orr