



January News From Grade 3/4

January 1, 2020

Welcome 2020!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school in the year 2020. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. We are already off and running in the grade 3/4 classroom. With only being back at it for a few days of 2020, we have already started a new reading and writing unit, continuing our math unit and have continued our social studies work. We have a lot to look forward to this year and I'm sure it will include a bit more cold weather before it warms up. So let's remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Extra socks are always a good idea, and remember your indoor shoes!

Curriculum

In math, we are continuing our Math unit on Data Management. We are learning to read data from a variety of graphs and learning how to display data on pictographs and bar graphs.

Coming soon... multiplication!! During class time, we will be practicing our times tables through games and activities. Please encourage and help your child to study and practice their facts to 9x9. Knowing our multiplication facts are the building blocks to many math concepts. There are many ways to do this such as flash cards, card games, online games and plain old memorization.

A fun and easy card game to play is Dueling Products, a game similar to War.

Rules: Deal out all the cards to 2 players (remove the kings and queens) keeps the jokers they are zero.

Players flip over one card at a time. The first player to correctly multiply the two cards wins the cards. The object is to try and win all your opponents cards.

To add difficulty to the games include the queens as 11 and kings as 12.

In language, we have started our new reading unit on visualization. During this unit we will be using our brains to imagine the story in our minds and add extra details using our senses. IN WRITING, WE ARE JUST BEGINNING A UNIT ON IMAGINED NARRATIVES. I CAN'T WAIT TO READ ABOUT ALL THE INTERESTING CHARACTERS AND STORYLINES THE CHILDREN CREATE.

In gym, we will start to learn about and play basketball. As a reminder, our scheduled gym days are 1 and 3. Please remember to have your running shoes at school on those days so you don't miss out on the fun we have during gym. Gym shoes can always be left at school during the week on the shelf in the coat closet.

In social studies, we are continuing our unit on Canadian Provinces and Land Regions. We have been travelling across Canada learning all about the landforms, climate, recreation, and industries. Stay tuned for more information on mini projects in the upcoming weeks.

Dates to Remember:

Skating – Friday, January 24 9am – 11am

**Remember your skates and CSA approved helmet.

Pizza day every Tuesday.

Hot Lunch Fridays – Check cash online for information

January 20– PA Day

