

# Grade 4/5 Newsletter

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Welcome back! I trust everyone had a magical Christmas break. I know I did! As we enter the new year (how is it a new decade already?!), we will be returning to our regular daily schedules in order to finish up old units and also begin a few new ones before Term 2. Term 1 comes to a close in February, so we have lots yet to learn!

## Language & The Arts

This month students will be focusing on reading comprehension and creating written book summaries, which we were unable to get to in the fall. We will also begin our new class read aloud/novel study book, *Tuck Everlasting*, where students will have the opportunity to read along as the book is being read. This will enhance his/her overall reading comprehension. In art, we will focus on using different mediums (oil pastels, paint, etc.) to create various projects. In music, we will begin our study on notation.

## Mathematics

In math, we will begin the month with a measurement unit. In this unit, students will learn about the different types of measurement (km, m, ml, L) to include telling time. We will also begin a unit on graphing this month. Stay tuned in the agenda for test dates.

## Social Studies

In Social Studies, the grade 4's will finish their unit about Canada- the provinces, territories, capitals, varying landforms and other physical regions, economic sectors, and more. The grade 5's will also complete their unit on the Canadian government to include how our government is formed, the different responsibilities involved in the federal, provincial and municipal governments, and more. Keep an eye out in the agenda for a test that will be coming up soon!

## Upcoming Events

**Jan.6:** First Day Back!

**Jan.20:** P.D. Day (no school for students)

**Jan.22:** Academic/ Character Ed. Assembly

**Jan.24:** Skating (AM)

## Notes & Reminders:

- **Future skating dates:** Feb. 12, March 13. Please note: the \$10 charge covers the bus cost for all three skating trips.
- **Skating:** a hockey or other ice skating helmet (meets CSA standards) and gloves or mittens must be worn on the ice at all times to ensure we are meeting all board and ministry regulations.
- With the winter weather here, please make sure your child has a pair of **indoor shoes** to change into. Our floor & carpet gets messy otherwise.
- Gym is on Days 3&5- students must have appropriate footwear at school to participate (safety first!)
- 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.