



# News From Grade 3/4 Mrs. Wilson

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

## Curriculum Update

In math, we are continuing to work through number sense and numeration focusing on 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  $9 \times 9$ . 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 opponent's cards. To add difficulty to the game include the queens as 11 and kings as 12.

Our next unit will be on money. We will learn all about adding money and making change using the fewest number of coins. It is an action packed unit. The students will play a lot of situational games. We will play an auction game, ice cream store and sorting games. We will be completing a final unit test involving a hands on store where students

will buy and make change for their final mark. Watch the agenda for upcoming dates.

In language, we have finished up our mini unit on visualization. The students have learned that visualization helps us to understand our reading more by creating pictures in our mind. We have worked on adding details to those pictures by using our senses. We are currently working on making connections while we read. Good readers do this to help deepen their understanding of the text. We have learned about 4 main types of connections: text to text, text to self, text to media and text to world. We are learning to make connections to the characters, events and settings. In writing we have learned all about procedural writing or "How to..." writing. The students are just beginning to plan, write and illustrate a "How to..." children's book. In oral communication, we are beginning a mini research project call Draw My Presentation. The students are working in pairs on a choice topic. They will draw 6 images related to their topic. These 6 images will be used as visual aids to help give a 2 minute presentation. This project is designed to help improve upon our presentation skills such as; facing the audience, speaking in a loud clear voice, speaking fluently, using expression and showing enthusiasm with their topic. Stay tuned for project timelines.

In gym, we have been learning the ins and outs of playing basketball. We have started playing 3 on 3 and the kids have been showing off their skills.



In science the grade 4s will start our unit on Light and Sound. The grade 3s will once again be joining Mrs. Pelich for their science unit on Forces Causing Movement. These units are a lot of fun with several hands on activities and experiments.

### Valentine's Day Party

Our class will have a Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you choose to make cards, please make a card for each child in the class. Included below is our class list of names.

Chloe, Bridget, Sadie, Eleanor, Alicia, Noah, William, Jacob, Avah, Leah, Ben, Sam, Kamrynn, Colton J., Isabella, Scarlett, Sophia, Trent, Grayson, Luke, Colton M, Nolan, Stefan.

### **Dates to Remember**

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Day

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Family Day – No School