

# Grade 4/5 Newsletter

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## Language & The Arts

This month students will begin to focus on persuasive writing. We will use techniques such as OREO and creating Persuasive Writing Portfolios to assist with our writing. We will also be learning how to debate/appropriately argue/defend our opinions through games such as 4-corners and we will use this to help with our writing. We will also continue our 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 continue to work on graphing (collecting data and understanding that data, and then learning different ways to graph and plot data) and then delve back into Number Sense, starting with long division! We will then take a pause on Number Sense to work on Geometry (symmetry, quadrilaterals, angles, reflections, translations, identifying triangles, etc.) before stepping into Patterning and Algebra (understanding variables such as  $3 + X = 5$  ( $X$  would be 2), extend and create patterns using tables and drawings, etc.)

## Science

We officially have wrapped up our first Social Studies unit so now we will be heading back into Science. Grade 4's will continue to work with Mrs. Wilson and Grade 5's will stay in the classroom with me. Grade 4's will be working on understanding matter and energy with a unit on Light and Sound, and grade 5's will be doing a unit on Properties of and Changes in Matter.

## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 3:** Groundhog Day

**Feb. 5:** Scholastic Book Orders due

**Feb. 12:** Skating (*tentative- see note under Notes and Reminders*)

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Party (*a permission form will be sent home ahead of time for you to either give or refuse permission for your child to eat treats brought in by families for the party*)

Feb. 17: Family Day (no school)

## Notes & Reminders:

- **Future skating dates:** Feb. 12, March 13. Please note: if the government and ETFO have reached an agreement by Feb 10 (fingers crossed) we will proceed with the Feb 12 skating. If not, we will hold out hope we can get to the March skating trip. Money will be reimbursed at that time based on which trips we were able to attend, if any. Any confusion, please contact Mr. Nurse at the office.
- 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.