

# February News in Grade 1-2

**Our Classroom:** Thanks so much for your donations to help our class run at its best! We always appreciate Lysol wipes or baby wipes, zip lock bags of any size, old board games or puzzles, magnetic letters or tiles, dollar store headphones for your own child or others, stickers, plastic spoons, themed craft activities for holidays from the dollar store etc. Lastly, we can use yoghurt cups and sour cream containers washed out for paint and water trays. Truly, truly appreciated.

**Important Reminders:** Valentine's Day is coming up on Friday Feb 14. Your child made a list of 20 children in our class and should have brought it home on Wed. Jan 29 so you can prepare in advance to write the valentines. We will have a class party and children are welcome to exchange Valentines/treats to bring home in a little valentine bag.

Groundhog Day: Sunday Feb 2- this Friday Jan 31, we will be reading stories and learning about Groundhog hog traditions and celebrations with some fun crafts to support our learning. Here's hoping for an early spring..... 😊

100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebrations: The primary wing will be celebrating next Friday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be traveling through the classrooms to participate in various activities that include physical fitness, literacy, numeracy and the arts. They always have a blast with this! If your child wants to dress up as though they are 100 years old, our class will be having a dress up day.

## **The Curriculum This Month:**

Language Program: We are enjoying a Magic Tree House chapter book together but our next reading component will be focusing on Valentines Day and Black History Month. We get to explore some really wonderful literature and discuss why its important to recognize Black History in Canada and the world. Students will practise responding to our reading in a written format (e.g. what are your thoughts and feelings about this text, what questions do you have?) Grade two children will begin to learn how to write a complete paragraph..... keep an eye out for activities coming home that are completed. Look for things like topic sentence, supporting details and conclusion.

Math: Money money money! Children will review the names and values of all the coins and work on adding them (including pennies so that we can work toward rounding values). Some great teachable moments are when you are using money in your own daily activities (ask your child to count the coins for Tim Hortons visit etc). This is where its important for children to have a basis of skip counting by 5's, 10's 25's etc so they can add coins and money amounts. Grade one children need to show money amounts up to 20 cents and grade two children need to show money amounts up to one dollar.

Science: We are concluding our units on structures (grade one) and simple machines (grade 2). Both grades will be completing structures designed and built at school. Thanks for sending in materials to work with!!! Our next unit will be exploring Matter and Energy-liquids and solids!

Art: We learn about primary and secondary colours and use objects with different textures to complete design challenges.

\*\*\*\*\* Check the agenda daily for additional special days or information\*\*\*\*\*

