March News in Grade 1-2

<u>Our Classroom</u>: We would very much appreciate the following donations from grade two parents for science- jello, baking soda, vinegar. Thanks so much!

Important Dates:

Tomorrow (Friday) will be a pajama day for our class! Just for fun!

March Break- March 16-20

Check agendas daily for any extra events etc that pop up.

The Curriculum This Month.....

Language: Grade twos have been working hard at learning the components of a paragraph in their writing. They will be bringing home their writing folders shortly for you to see! Grade ones have beebn working on sequencing and complete sentences in little books and in their daily journal entries. Next, we are excited to announce that both grades will be working through the writing process to create published books of their very own! Now is a great time to chat with your child about what they want to write about (superheroes, favourite tv characters, family members, a fictitious character they invented etc). The class will discuss the elements of a fiction story including a problem and solution. Then we will work through the following steps to completing a published piece: Planning, Drafting, Editing, Publishing. We will even display our books for other classes to read! We continue to also focus on many other aspects of our literacy program throughout the day including Word Study (blends, spelling patterns, irregular words etc), guided reading and shared reading as well as different books we read aloud together.

Math: Our class is under construction! The kids wanted to create their own McDonalds store. So we have been making food, designing a menu, pricing items and decorating for our store. We will use our money counting concepts to buy and sell these items in the class store using play money. Please please please continue to practise counting money at home with your child. We will have a little quiz on Monday to evaluate these skills. Grade 1- count money to 20 cents. Grade 2- count money up to one dollar. Next, our math will explore 2D geometry and symmetry. This entails examining various polygons such as triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons etc.

Science: Continue to explore the properties of matter in both grades and how liquids interact through a series of experiments and observations.

Art: We will continue to explore primary and secondary colours.

Thank you to so many of you for your wonderful words of encouragement and support. Teaching your children is such a blessing to me and I am truly grateful to be part of their lives.