



Grade 2/3 News

Issue 7:1

Monday, April 3, 2017

Important Dates

- April 1** – April Fool's Day
- April 3** – Autism Awareness Day (wear blue), assembly 11:10-11:40
- April 5** – Parent Council Meeting
- April 7** – Bright Colour/Floral Day
- April 12** – International Day of Pink, Character Education Assembly
- April 14** – Good Friday (no school)
- April 17** – Easter Monday (no school)
- April 21** – Dance-a-thon, Earth Day
- April 27** – Family Math Night
- April 28** – Ties, Bows and Tutu Spirit Day and Talent Show

There have been many exciting things taking place in grade 2/3. We have been really busy and there are no signs of slowing down! The students have recently completed a recount of their March Break. We also have some Earth Hour art and writing displayed in our hallway. We have started new units in math and science. Thanks for all of the hard work everyone! We all have our fingers crossed that the warm weather is fast approaching. We suggest rubber boots and splash pants this time of year for your child. It may also be a good idea to send extra socks too. We are hoping to get outside more for DPA.



Your Loving Teacher, Mrs. Maltby
And the grade 3 team! Mrs. Does, Mrs. Harper

What we're doing in class

Language Arts

The students have been working on a couple of narrative writing and recount pieces. We can't wait to see and share the finished product of "A Bad Case of..." These imaginative narrative pieces are based upon David Shannon's book titled A Bad Case of Stripes.

As the month progresses the students will work on some persuasive writing activities. We will also begin to look more in-depth and practice sample EQAO reading, writing and math tasks. We will focus the students written answers around APE (A-answering the question, P-proving the answer with evidence, and E-explaining, elaborating and extending the answer). Our math problem solving will continue to focus on a 3-block method-what I know (WIK), problem solve (PS), final answer (FA). Please feel free to explore the Ontario Ministry of Education and Simcoe County District School Board websites for parent information on EQAO testing. We also have a link on our grade 3 website. Testing will take place the end of May.



Math

We are presently working on the Number Sense and Numeration strand. We have just finished doing some review of place value with numbers in the thousands. We are moving onto adding and subtracting of 3-digit numbers involving regrouping. The grade 2's will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

Both grades will also be working on multiplication and division. It is suggested that the grade 3 students memorize the multiplication tables to the 7 fact family. This will help them greatly as math questions become more difficult and multi-stepped.



Please join us on **April 27th** for **Family Math Night** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to get ideas on how to support your child in math. More information will follow.

Science

We have started a new unit on Strong and Stable Structures. They need to understand the distinction between strength (the ability to withstand forces that break or alter the shape of an object) and stability (the ability to maintain balance and stay in a fixed position). Students will design and make structures that can support and move a load. We would appreciate any of the donations for our projects listed on our earlier note sent home. Thank you!
The grade 2's are studying Movement in class. We will be examining simple machines.

Visual Arts

Stay tuned for upcoming information on our annual Art Show and Sale. This year's show will take place on May 10th (3:15-5:30 p.m.) and May 11th (3:15-5:00 p.m.). We are excited to use the proceeds from earlier sales to fund the schoolwide performance of TORQ Percussion Quartet!



Drama

We have started to learn about the elements of drama. We are excited to be doing a reader's theatre to apply these elements.



Agenda

As you already know, your child is expected to write in their agenda. Please sign or initial that you have read the agenda message daily. We do the same each day so if there is something you need to communicate with us, this is the best way to do so. Thank you.

