



# Grade 2/3

## Important Dates:

March 3 - PA Day  
March 10 - Lucky Charms Day  
March 13-17 - March Break  
March 24 - Comfy Cozy Day  
March 29 - Pink Shirt Day

In like a lion, out like a lamb? In either case, we hope that winter has left us, bringing us sunny days and balmy temperatures! A gentle reminder to families that our back field becomes a big puddle, leaving leaky winter boots and soggy feet. Please pack a few extra pairs of socks in your child's bag to reduce bare feet following outdoor excursions.

Much love,  
Mrs. Maltby, Mrs. Does & Mrs. Harper

## Language Arts

What fun the students had brainstorming, planning, drafting and writing a variety of narratives. Our "Snow Globe" narrative writing was especially interesting! Please expect these amazing pieces after a short showcase on our classroom/hallway walls!

In reading we continue to focus on the elements of a story. The grade two's have finished their Inference Unit and can confidently answer questions using the APE format (answer, prove, explain). The grade 3's have been busy writing Reading Responses for every story they have read and are just starting their Inference Unit.

Please keep up your reading at home!

## Math

Both grade 2 and 3 have recently wrapped up the measurement unit with hands-on centres exploring mass and capacity. We are now looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Students will learn how to sort and compare shapes based on the number of sides, vertices and faces as well as referencing greater than, less than or equal to a right angle. We are having fun making shape monsters.

Our next math unit will be Number Sense and Numeration. Students will represent, compare and order whole numbers to 1000. We will add and subtract three-digit numbers and the grade 3's will multiply up to  $7 \times 7$  and divide  $49 \div 7$ .

## EQAO Sample Questions

EQAO sample questions have been embedded in all of our math units, review pages and unit tests. Students are comfortably using a 3-block method to solve multi-step problems. They have also been taught to include math language posted on our word wall to consistently respond to math questions. If you wish to try a few at home, please visit the EQAO website and search the parent centre.

## Science

Grade 2 will start two new science units after March Break. Mr. Michie will be teaching Air and Water in the Environment and I will be teaching Movement in the classroom. Grade 3 will study Structures and Mechanisms.

## Gym

Ms. Hay is finishing a unit on skipping skills with the students. Skipping is a great skill to have for overall fitness, but is also an entertaining activity for students to do at recess time.

The students will be moving onto a lacrosse unit shortly.

## Ms. Chew's Corner

Students have been studying safety at home and on the internet in health. Stay tuned as they will be having a test related to this subject soon. In social studies, the students have been looking at landforms and some mapping skills. In media literacy the main focus has been on point of view.