



June Newsletter

2T and 2B

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Math Makes Sense

We are presently finishing up our unit on addition and subtraction to 100. You can help your child at home by doing with them some of the following activities, as suggested in the "Math Makes Sense" teachers' guide:

- If your child has a collection of objects at home (stickers, stuffed toys, rocks, models), gather some together and ask your child to count the collection in at least two different ways.
- Place six pennies in a row. Ask your child how many pennies are there. Add a dime to the row and ask how much money is there altogether. Continue counting dimes until you reach 96 cents.
- Label cans and packets of food with different prices from 1 cent to 33 cents. Choose an amount between 50 cents and 99 cents. Ask your child to find three items that together cost that amount.
- Work with your child to write a subtraction story problem.
- Take turns with your child creating money riddles. Model a money amount without showing it, then give the total and the number of coins.

Field Trip

On June 8th, the students in 2B and 2T will be participating in a trip to Metepenagiag Heritage Park in Red Bank to celebrate the completion of our project-based learning block on Mi'kmaq culture, as well as the end of the school year. Earlier this week, a memo was sent home explaining the details and asking that students bring \$3.00 for admission ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation. ☺



Websites of the Month

Check out the following:

<http://www.kidsread.com>

<http://www.sandiegozoo.org>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com>

Thank you!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your kindness, support, and help over this past year. We know very well that education is a partnership, and that you, as parents, are key players. Our goal is to make sure that our students reach their full academic and social potential while enjoying their school experience, and we hope that this has been the case for all students in 2T and 2B. Have a wonderful summer vacation; see you in September!!

Maintaining Achievement Over The Summer

It is very important that your child continue to read and write over the next few months in order to maintain the gains that he/she has made and to be well-prepared for grade three. We encourage students to read books of interest and to visit the library to participate in the programs offered there (please see below). We also suggest that each student keep a personal journal in which summer experiences (beach outings, visits from relatives, family barbecues, camping trips, etc.) can be documented on a regular basis.

Summer Library Programs

Join the club! Register for the annual Summer Reading Program. Record what you read and participate in fun activities at the library. For more information, contact the Newcastle Public Library at 623-2450.

Hot Summer Reads

The following are some books appropriate to the interest and ability levels of students in grades two and three; you might want to consider these or similar books when helping your child select material for summer reading:

- "The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids: Werewolves Don't Go to Summer Camp"
- "Geronimo Stilton: Geronimo and the Gold Medal Mystery"
- "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days"
- "Rainbow Magic Special Edition: Olympia the Games Fairy"
- "Magic Treehouse: Hour of the Olympics"

A Bit of Humour:

Q. What's black and white and red all over?

A. A sunburned zebra!

Q. What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day?

A. Croak-o-cola!

Q. Which bees are the smartest?

A. Spelling bees!

Q. What does the sun drink out of?

A. Sunglasses!