



March... In Grade One

Mrs. Newman

March 1st, 2012

Guest Speakers

We were very lucky in February to have two guest speakers come in and speak to our grade one students. On Wednesday, Feb. 15th Cst. Melanson came to speak to our students about train safety and the dangers of playing on and near trains. Later in the day we were fortunate to have Phillip McGee, a fourth year Nursing student speak to our students about Nutrition.

In our Classroom....

Literacy

During February we continued working on all of the tasks in the Daily Five. My students really enjoy "Rainbow Writing" when they choose Word Work. I was also able to introduce 2 new Café strategies to help students when they get stuck on a word. In Writer's Workshop, we began introducing the 6 + 1 Traits of Writing, with our focus on the trait of Word Choice. My students have done a great job recognizing and beginning to use stronger word choices in their writing. We will continue working on this trait in March. In addition, we will begin focusing on the Conventions trait. It is important that grade one students begin to recognize and understand the importance of using conventions (periods, commas, question marks, etc.) in their writing.

Math

We will finish our unit on Numbers to 100 and begin our unit on Addition and Subtraction to 20. The school sites are back up and running and I added a couple new links to some more Math games. Although we are starting our new unit, it is very important for students to continue working with numbers to 100 (i.e. counting by 2's, 5's and 10's; counting forwards and backwards starting and ending with different numbers)

You and Your World

We will continue our unit on communities, this month focusing on Aboriginal people. We are hoping to have a special guest speaker later this month to share some cultural knowledge with our students. We will also be further exploring the differences between wants and needs of both individuals and their communities.

March Break!!!!

March 3rd – 10th

I can't believe March Break is here already. It's amazing how fast the school year is going. I hope everybody has a wonderful, relaxing break and I look forward to seeing all my students back at school on Monday, March 12th!

Harkin's Treasures

Congrats to Lalla and Ryan who received the Harkin's Treasure Award for the month of February. Keep up the great work! They definitely loved the slap bracelets that they won :)

So You Think You Can Dance District 16...

We also want to recognize our very own Owen and Patrick who won Most Athletic at the District "So You Think You Can Dance" competition on February 22nd. Way to go boys! We are so proud of you!

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
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5 M B	6 A R	7 R E	8 C A	9 H K
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19	20 Report cards go home ☺	21 Book Order due	22 Parent Teacher 4-6pm	23 Parent Teacher 9am-12pm / No School for students
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