



November Newsletter

2B and 2T

November 1st, 2012

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 8th, 2012

The grade two classes will be participating in our school's Remembrance Day program on Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 A.M. Poppies will be distributed to the students just before the program commences. Parents are more than welcome to attend the assembly and pay their respects to our veterans. 2T and 2B will be singing the song, "Make a Difference." In addition, two students from each class will lay a wreath on behalf of their homeroom.

A Few Reminders

Please be reminded that **a signed, dated excuse is required for each absence** that a student incurs. Even though we may be aware of the reason for a student's absence, policy dictates that we must have on file written documentation explaining the reason for each absence. Also, please note that the new district attendance policy mandates a phone call home after five absences to make parents aware that the number of days missed is climbing.

Please make sure that students are dressed for the weather!! We will continue to go outside even on these chilly days, so it is important that children are prepared with proper attire: coats, mittens, boots, hats, etc. It is a good idea to pack an extra pair of mittens and socks in case the ones that the children are wearing get wet.

Websites of the Month

Check these out!!

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com/Canada/>

<http://www.brainpop.com/>

Bring Your Parent to School Days: Nov. 22nd and 23rd (Report cards: November 20th)

For your information:

First term report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 20th, and Bring Your Parent to School Day (parent-teacher interviews) will be held on Thursday, November 22nd from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. and on Friday, November 23rd from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Later this month, a form home will be sent home asking for your preferred interview time; please complete and return this form right away in order that we are able to accommodate your request as best we can. Please note that **the students will have no classes on November 23rd.**

Guided Reading Instruction

Once Fast ForWord is completed, students in 2B and 2T will likely become involved in what is referred to as "cross-class grouping." This means that some of Mrs. Trevors' students will have reading instruction with Ms. Barrieau, while some of Ms. Barrieau's students will be working with Mrs. Trevors. Structuring reading instruction in this manner allows the needs of all students to be better met; each child sees the teacher in a small-group setting more often than he/she would otherwise, and teachers can collaborate in order to design the best course of instruction possible for each student- not to mention that the children very much enjoy switching classrooms and having the opportunity to work with a different teacher and different students than usual!! Last year's grade two students participated for the first time in a trial run of what proved to be this most successful approach to teaching/learning; we are certain that this year will be the same. ☺



A Bit of Humour

Q: Why did the scarecrow win a medal?

A: Because he was outstanding in his field!!