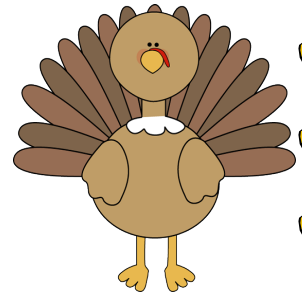


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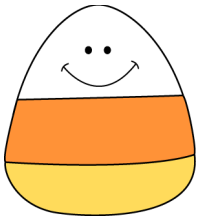
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Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the 2017-2018 school year and I have enjoyed getting to know both you and your child throughout the past month. The students have been working very hard in the classroom and have been showing off their many gifts and special talents in our recent IB Unit of Inquiry "Who We Are." To wrap up our unit, students were asked to showcase their amazing gifts and talents with their peers in a shared Talent Show with Mrs. Thibault's Class.



I am looking forward to another exciting month ahead, with our upcoming field trip to Country Heritage Park, where we will be exploring Life in Early Canada and relating our inquiries to our IB focus on "Where We Are In Time and Place. If you are interested in joining us on the trip, be sure to express your interest in volunteering on the form provided. We will also be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special Mass held at our parish this month, and there will be many upcoming fall festivities as well.



In the upcoming weeks, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving. Remember to thank the Lord for all that he has blessed us with in our lives. As we prepare for the upcoming Halloween festivities, I would like to share a couple of plans with you for the upcoming months... We will be busy in our classroom with mini pumpkin decorating, Halloween stories, and spooky descriptive paragraph writing!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gates

Monthly News

Important Dates To Mark In Your Calendars

Terry Fox Walk- October 5th

PA Day (No School for Students)- October 6th

Thanksgiving- October 9th

Country Heritage Park Trip- October 12th

Picture Re-Takes- October 25th

Halloween Party~ October 31st

Book Bags & Reading Logs

Library book bags have been distributed to students. The students have been asked to use this bag as a means to safely transport their books between school and home. You will also find reading log sheets in student duotangs for the month of October. I will collect it on the last day of the month. Please ensure that you read with your child at least 20 entries this month, as this will help them achieve and sustain appropriate grade reading levels.

Halloween☺

Parents are reminded that there will be Halloween festivities, however students are to come to school dressed in appropriate costumes with no violent images or accessories. If you wish to send your child with something for the class to enjoy that day, please consider non-edible items (i.e. pencils, erasers, storybooks, glow sticks, etc).



Academic Updates

Math

Students will be focusing on Patterning & Algebra this month. You can help your child at home by describing patterns using attributes such as colour, shape, size, texture, and direction/orientation.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, our focus will be on Heritage and Identity: Communities in Canada. As mentioned, this area of study is closely connected with our IB Unit on Where We Are in Time and Place. The students will use the inquiry process to investigate some of the challenges that were faced by different communities in Canada around 1780 to 1850 and compare the ways of life among specific groups of people. They will have an opportunity to explore their learning further through the upcoming interactive field trip to Country Heritage Park and Crawford Lake in December.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Understanding Matter and Energy: Forces Causing Movement. We are hoping to have a guest speaker come in to engage the students in fun experiments that relate to our unit! Stay tuned, as we will be starting this unit after we complete Communities in Canada!

Language

In Writing, the focus will be on recounts, connections, descriptive paragraphs, narrative story writing and journals. You can always supplement the writing done in class at home by asking your child to keep a journal of exciting events going on outside of school. Our Reading Program for this month will be focused on story elements, connections, retells, non-fiction, grammar and word work.



A Note to Parents/Guardians:

Please remember to continue signing the agendas nightly, as it allows for clear communication between home and school about upcoming events and due dates. If anything has been posted on the school website, there will be a reminder notice in your child's agenda to inform you of any updates that have been posted.



Scholastic Book Orders

Last month, you may have seen the Scholastic flyers come home with your child. I would just like to take the opportunity to mention that I will be sending home monthly flyers. If you wish to order any books from the flyers, please make all cheques payable to Scholastics, as they prefer this method of payment as opposed to cash. All of your purchases go towards a credit, which can be used to purchase new books for the students to enjoy!

Helpful Websites

Here are some websites that you might find enriching to help with further extension of learning at home. We will have opportunities throughout the year to explore some of these sites.

www.starfall.com

www.tumblebooks.com

www.readinga-z.com

www.coolmath4kids.com

www.funbrain.com

www.learningplanet.com

www.pbskids.org

www.linktolearning.com

www.ixl.com

www.prodigygame.com

Additional Information

A Note from Mr. Galbraith

In French, the students have been enjoying enriching French games online. Please see the following website for more French fun!

<http://www.zimflex.co.uk/French/Games/Frenchkeystage3gameshome.html>

Mini Pumpkin Decorating

In the upcoming weeks, students will be receiving a small pumpkin to decorate and take home for Halloween. Please note that you are welcome to send your child with any decorations or craft supplies from home for this activity. As we will not be carving the pumpkins, all supplies must be safe for student handling.



Happy Fall!!☺