



Happy New Year 3May

January 5th, 2010



January Happenings

1st-New Years Day

6th -Epiphany

28th- Culture Day

20th/27th Skating



L.A: This month the students will be asked to read in front of the class. The selection should not be memorized; however, they should be familiar with all the difficult words within. They can read out loud from any part of their favourite **chapter book**. They will be marked on clarity, fluency, articulation, loudness, and overall presentation. During the first week back we will discuss what good reading skills are.

Please help your child to do their best by ensuring that they

practice at home. The reading is to be approximately **3 minutes long**. I will send home a schedule for when your child will be asked to share, in their agendas. The oral reading practice will be a good intro into Readers Theatre. The students will practice a class play in which they will be challenged to use their voices and work with their classmates to tell a story. We will present the play to the parents next month. Also this month students will work with dictionaries and thesauruses to edit their writing. Due to the oral reading assignment there will be no book report this month.



Math: The students will continue to work on multiplication and division this month. They will solve problems by choosing the correct operation and checking their answers with their calculators. Students will also need to recall quickly without computation multiplication facts to 49, or 7x7. I will still drill them in addition and subtraction facts to 18. If you require more mad minutes for practice at home, please just ask. Later this month the students will begin a unit on measuring. They will need to decide, which correct unit should be used to measure a given distance; mm, cm, dm, M, or km



Science: Rocks and Minerals Students will discover how archeologists dig up fossils and how fossils are created. They will build a volcano and learn how metamorphic, sedimentary, and igneous rocks differ. Please look in your child's binder to check on what we are currently doing for experiments. We will have a quiz around the middle of this month.



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Social: The students will work on completing their inquiry project on their country of study. They will gather the information and then present it to their classmates. After they have finished their reports we will have a celebration celebrating people's differences from around the world. Students will be encouraged to dress in the cultural clothes of their country and to bring in a food for their classmates to try. Look for a note to accompany your child home about this early this month.



P.E.- The first week back we will try to get outside to do some outdoor pursuits; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and broomball weather permitting. Due to the cold weather please ensure that your child is properly dressed. Also this month I will introduce basketball skills and team concepts to the students. All parents are welcome to join us to tie skates and whiz around the rink on the 20th and 27th of this month.



Thank-You for all the wonderful gifts, well wishes, & baking. I had a great Christmas and I would like to thank-you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. May God Bless you and your family throughout the 2010 year.