

Important dates in October

- 2nd-Teacher Day No School
- 6th-13th- Swimming Lessons
- 9th - Class Breaking Bread parents welcome (Thanksgiving Celebration)
- 12th - Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30th- Halloween Party

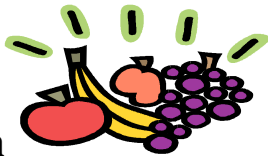
October Birthdays



4th- Hope's Birthday



Students will continue to work on numeration concepts. They will learn how to round, identify odd and even numbers, recognize if a number is divisible by 2, 5, or 10, as well they'll count on from a given number by 2s, 5s, and 10s. There is a lot of to cover, so children can feel overwhelmed. If you review with your child their homework once a week, it will help them master the concepts introduced in class, and allow them to stay on top of their schooling. The students will continue to be drilled on addition basic facts during October. If your child is having difficulty recalling their basic facts, I will send extra practice sheets home for you to do with them. This is optional and they do not need to be returned to me. Building a solid foundation in math starts with a knowledge of number facts.



Religion

Students are encouraged to bring in food for the Food Bank before Thanksgiving. This year's our school theme is Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We can find Jesus by acting like Him. He fed the poor and visited the lonely. We are invited to do the same. Each of us can care for Christ by caring for one another.



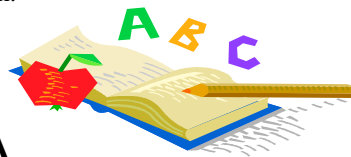
Social

The students have learned mapping terms; prime meridian, equator, hemisphere, and compass rose. They have discussed what wants and needs are and how the lack of them can affect one's quality of life. This month they will compare how the countries of study, differ in quality of life from Canadians. If anyone has personal experiences, artifacts, or pictures from India, Peru, Tunisia, or Ukraine please come in and share them with us. Towards the end of this month the students will be introduced to the cultures of these countries. They will investigate the traditions and celebrations that the country's citizens hold and participate in.



Science

Our first unit is Animal Life Cycles. The students have been learning about the different classes of animals. This month they will discuss environmental threats to the animal kingdom and how animals make adaptations in order to survive. The students will begin a power point presentation at school on an animal of their choice. I have provided them with a guideline to follow, so ask them to show it to you and check how they're doing. We will have a unit test at the end of the month.



L.A

The students have completed the first 3 weeks of the grade 3 spelling program. Many of the words the students are being introduced to, for the week, correspond with the story they read in language arts. Students will be asked to complete a series of tasks that will reinforce the spelling of these new words. It is important that your child studies the spelling of these words at home during the week. Review with your child every night a few minutes. This will develop good

study skills. The focus of our writing assignments during the first month has been on writing complete sentences. This month we will focus on writing descriptive paragraphs, using similes and our senses. Please check over your child's writing at home to ensure that they are writing in complete sentences. This month we will begin a novel study on Flat Stanley. Each student will have the opportunity to take Flat Stanley home for a few days and write about what they did together in their journals. Also during this month we will learn how to write friendly letters. Our library time has begun and the students have been checking out books. I wish for the students to take out at least one chapter book from the library to read during silent reading. I will help them find a chapter book that fits their reading level. There will be a book report assigned for this month. We will complete an example or template of one in class, which they are to follow. The book report is to check your child's understanding of the book they're reading. It will be crafty and fun. I don't want to make them think reading is homework, but enjoyable.

Extra! Extra!

Please sign your child's agenda daily, that way I will know you are getting the homework and important messages. Keep reading and recording in those reading logs!! Parents, you're welcome to come into the class and help out, just sign up on the calendar or send me a note. Swimming Lessons start Oct. 6th and finish Oct. 13th. The bus will leave the school at 10:35 and return at 12:30. Please ensure that your child has all their swimming gear. The students will have their Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 30th. Parents check the food sheet, I handed out at the beginning of the year, to see if this is your date to bring in food. Finally with the weather getting colder, please make sure your child has warm clothing on cold days. My email address is pmaykut@ecsr.ca



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!