



Kindergarten Weekly Update

Friday, January 5, 2024

Language Arts Ms. Vela	This week, the Kindergarteners learned about the digraph “Sh.” They began by brainstorming words they knew that have the “sh” sound, and completed activities challenging them to differentiate “s” and “sh.” During small group lessons, students were either challenged to write and read CVC words with short u, or read and write words with “sh.” Guided Reading books were sent home with each student, and should be practiced daily to encourage phonetic growth. Books are due back on Tuesday!
Math Ms. Vela	This week, the Kindergarteners began learning about teen numbers. They used base ten blocks to learn the 10s and ones place values, and practiced showing teen numbers on ten-frames, in writing, and in pictures. They also learned how to decompose teen numbers into their place values.
Science Ms. Vela	This week, the Kindergarteners began their forces and motion unit! They read the story, “Stop that ball” and began to think about how objects move. They discussed vocabulary such as forwards, backwards, up, down, left and right, and played Simon Says to practice these directions. They also learned about push and pull forces, and completed an art activity to practice these motions in a fun way.
History/Geography Ms. Vela	This week, the Kindergarteners traveled to Japan! They learned about the Japanese flag, some popular foods, customs and animals which can be found there. They really enjoyed learning that Japan is where Pokemon and Nintendo originated, and that Mount Fuji is actually a volcano. They made a Koinobori (carp streamer) which is traditionally used to decorate homes for Children’s Day, and a plate of sushi.
Visual Arts Ms. Vela	This week, the Kindergarteners used felt, cotton balls, pipe cleaner and other loose materials to make 3D pieces of sushi.
French	This week, the Kindergarteners were introduced to winter clothing

Mme Lechallier	vocabulary, "le bonnet, une écharpe, un manteau" and continued working on body parts.
Health & Physical Education Mr. Makubuya	This week, our Kindergarten class played group and individual games of Jetball, Doctor Dodgeball and LeapFrog Tag!
Music Mr. Morales	The Kindergarten Class spent the week learning about and reviewing quarter and eighth note rhythms. Students also took part in call and answer musical exercises using these note durations.

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Grade One/Two Weekly Update

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Language Arts Mr. Murray	Students continued listening to the story <i>James and the Giant Peach</i> , and started exploring long-vowel sounds, challenged with the spelling of important sight words, performed guided reading tasks in leveled readers, and identified adverbs in sentences.
Math Mr. Murray	Students continued looking at clocks and telling time. Students reviewed their ability to count by 5s to correctly place the minute hand, and enjoyed a variety of challenges manipulating their own clocks when a time was given.
Science Mr. Murray	Students continued looking at different forces, including pressure and static electricity. Students were given various challenges to test the following rule: the smaller the area, the greater the force.
History/Geography Mr. Murray	Students began looking at the Indus Valley Civilization by working on their booklets and discussing Geography and Culture.
Visual Arts Mme Lechallier	Students were introduced to a Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau. They will learn how to draw one of his paintings.
French Mme Lechallier	This week, the students were introduced to a new poesie "Janvier." The students wrote in their book, they also were introduced that they are going to work has a class on a big project "La Tour Eiffel"
Health & Physical Education Mr. Makubuya	This week, our Grade One and Two class Played group and individual games of Jetball, Doctor Dodgeball and LeapFrog Tag!
Music Mr. Morales	The Grade One and Two Class spent the week reviewing quarter and eighth note rhythms on open strings of the violin and percussion instruments. Students also took part in call and answer musical exercises using these note durations.

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Grade Three Weekly Update

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Maths Ms. Sharma	This week, Grade Three started exploring the concept of angles. Different class objects like Homeroom door, cone, wall clock, ruler, duster, walls, laptop and class window were used to explain different types of angles. Students also learnt and practiced how to use a protractor to measure different types of angles.
Science Ms. Sharma	This week, Grade Three began learning about Habitats. Flash cards with different landforms, animals/birds and plants were used to explain the concept of habitats. They made a chart of different birds and how their beaks help them eat food in their habitat.
History/Geography Ms. Carey	This week, Grade Three displayed their creative side in Geography class this week. They created an imaginary pen pal that lived in a different country to them. They told their pen pal everything they have learned about their study of Canada. They expressed their thoughts and questions they had throughout their studies.
Visual Arts Mme Lechallier	The students were introduced to a Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau. The students are working on different pieces of this artist's work.
French Mme Lechallier	This week, the students were introduced to a new poesie, Bonne Année. Students are going to work in groups of two, three or four on a French project. The projects that students have chosen are "L'arc de Triomphe, Sport, Le Musée du Louvre, Le Mont St Michel, La Cathédrale de Notre Dame."

Health & Physical Education Mr. Makubuya	This week, Our Grade Three and Four Class began working on their Lacrosse Skills in class!
Music Mr. Morales	The Grade Threes and Fours started learning and rehearsing the song Joe Avery's Blues (Second Line March) through the practice of arpeggios on the chords A and D major which are found in the melody of the song. Drum students were introduced to jazz drumming with a swing eighth note rhythm on the ride cymbal and hi hats.

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Please ask your child:

- What is friction?
- When the time is 3:40, what number should the long hand point to?



Grade Four Weekly Update

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Language Arts Mrs. Haddad	Continuing their literary voyage through the novel, students traversed its chapters, unraveling the intricate plot threads and delving deep into its nuances. Engaging in thought-provoking discussions, they dissected pivotal moments, employing adverbial phrases to vividly articulate character motivations and the evolution of the storyline. Through this exploration, students honed their comprehension skills, navigating the text's complexities with insightful reflections and collaborative analysis.
Maths Ms. Sharma	This week, Grade Four started learning the concept of addition and subtraction of fractions. The concept was taught by using different examples of adding and subtracting two fractions with the same and different denominators that are multiples of each other.
Science Mrs. Haddad	For this week, the students learned that matter is everything around us and can exist in three different phases. They made relevant observations and comparisons between solids, liquids, and gasses.
History/Geography Mrs. Haddad	This week, we introduced a new unit in History - Ancient Rome. Learners worked on locating major geographical features of the Mediterranean and the major sections of the Roman Empire. Students will progress to explain how the Roman Empire declined.
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- Which four rivers flow out of the Alps?
- Which Germanic group ruled in the area that is present -day Spain?



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 8	Science Fair Projects - Experiment design due
Monday, January 22	Winter Clubs begin
January 24 – 26	In-Class Public Speaking Speeches (G1 to 8)
Friday, January 26	FPA Pizza Lunch Pyjama Day
Monday, January 29	Science Fair Projects - Experiment results due
Thursday, February 1	G1-8 Public Speaking Showcase
Monday, February 5	Science Fair Projects - Conclusion due
Thursday, February 15	Photo Day - Number One uniform (Retakes - School/Grad photos)
Friday, February 16	PD Day - No classes