



Kindergarten Weekly Update

Friday, November 22, 2024

Language Arts Ms. Petrie	In Language Arts this week, the Kindergarteners learned the letter J, Y and X. The students have almost learned the whole alphabet, and soon will be moving onto digraph blends. This week, the students received new guided reading books and participated in reading assessments. Continuing to have your child read to you daily at home to continue building upon these skills. This week, our class worked on our writing skills. They participated in prompt writing and sticker stories. The students have been focusing on neat printing, sounding out words, and leaving finger spaces between the words.
Math Ms. Petrie	The Kindergarteners continued to learn about shapes this week. We looked at a variety of 2D shapes. The students needed to sort and match shapes, as well as name the shape. We looked at properties of the shapes, such as how many sides it has, if the shape has curved edges, or if it only has straight sides. The students ended the week with a craft, where they needed to make a shape pizza!
Science Ms. Petrie	In Science, we continued our weather unit. The students handed in their weather journals to be assessed. The students participated in different weather experiments, such as the rain cloud experiment and tornado in a jar. We learned about the water cycle and what tornados are.
History/Geography Ms. Petrie	This week, the students learned about Mexico. We discussed traditions in Mexico, looked at Mexico's flag, and some popular foods in Mexico. The students enjoyed listening to authentic mariachi bands, and then participating in a directed drawing of a mariachi band musician. We learned about the Day of the Dead and its significance to the Mexican population. We also learned about Chichen Itza, and the students made their own replica out of lego!
Visual Arts	This week, the Kindergarten continues working on a new

Mme. Lechallier	project. For the next few weeks,, the students will be working on Canadian indigenous art. The students will be able to use different materials like : paint, clay, chalk and other material.
French Mme Lechallier	This week the students are continuing on working on the action of prepositions by game. Kindergartens are continuing working on winter vocabulary. The students are continuing to learn their song for the Winter showcase .
Health & Physical Education Mr. Makubuya	This week, our Kindergarten class began our introduction to lacrosse, passing and catching with the lacrosse sticks, as well as participating in some fun relay team games.
Music Mr. Morales	The Kindergarten Class continued working on a large repertoire of music that includes popular rock and jazz music. Students are confident in their performance of the song Yellow Submarine which they continue to rehearse for the Winter Concert. Students also engaged in reading exercises for a small portion of the class. Emphasis was placed on musical terminology and words that they will encounter in orchestra class after graduating from kindergarten. The class did a great job of performing their repertoire and sounding out musical words.

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Please ask your child:

1. What should you do if there is a tornado?
2. What is a household object that is shaped like a circle? What can you find that is a rectangle?



Grade One Weekly Update

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Language Arts Ms. Petrie	In Language Arts this week, the students continued to learn about sound words. The students created their own comic strip where they needed to create a story and use sound words and pictures to add details to their story. The students also worked on their rhyming skills this week. They looked at a variety of rhyming poems, and worked on creating their own rhyming poem as well. The students were given five new sight words this week, and had their test on Friday.
Math Ms. Petrie	This week in Math, the Grade Ones began learning about symmetry in 2D shapes. They practised identifying if a shape is symmetrical or not, as well as identifying the lines of symmetry in shapes. The students completed activities in their Cambridge Workbooks and worksheets.
Science Ms. Murphy	This week in Science, the Grade Ones used their knowledge of materials and their properties to test materials. They became scientists to investigate which material would be most suitable to make an umbrella. They made predictions about which material would work best based on what they have learned about the characteristics of each material, and at the conclusion made comparisons of each material. They had a lot of fun with this hands-on investigation!
History/Geography Ms. Murphy	In History/Geography class this week, the Grade Ones and Twos continued their learning about Ancient Egypt. They learned about <i>hieroglyphs</i> - Ancient Egyptian writing, and made comparisons to the cuneiform they studied in our last Mesopotamia unit. It's great to see our young students making these connections! We also began learning about some famous Egyptian pharaohs, including King Tutankhamen!
Global Perspectives Ms. Murphy	This week in Global Perspectives class, the Grade Ones and Twos were introduced to their end-of-topic assignment; a

	project! The Grade Ones and Twos have been asked to choose a country that they are interested in, and conduct research into what life is like there. They are asked to learn about their country's daily life, cultures, customs, food, etc. The goal is that they can compare their research to what they know about life in Canada. The students are really excited to get started!
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2. What country would you like to research for your Global Perspectives project? What is life like there? Do you think it's different from your life in Canada?



Grade Two Weekly Update

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Language Arts Ms. Murphy	This week in Language Arts, the Grade Twos continued their learning about invitation writing. They studied the structure of an invitation and what information is needed. They listened to an audio recording and wrote the invitation based on the conversation that they heard, and then created their own invitation. In grammar, they were introduced to adding <i>-ing</i> and <i>-ed</i> to words to create the past and present tense of verbs. This week's phonics focus was the /ur/ sound.
Math Ms. Murphy	In Math class this week, the Grade Twos began their new multiplication unit. They started by practicing skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s before learning what a <i>multiple</i> means and how we know if a number is a multiple of 2, 5 or 10. They then used this knowledge to learn about the multiples of 2, 4 and 8. The Grade Twos immediately recognised the relationships between the multiples of these numbers. This foundation of knowledge will make the concept of multiplication much easier to grasp in the future!
Science Mrs. Haddad	This week, Grade Two students explored the fascinating world of dissolving and the properties of materials! They learned what it means for a substance to be soluble or insoluble, discovering which materials dissolve in water and which do not. Through hands-on experiments, they also studied how filters work to separate insoluble substances from liquids. These fun activities helped them understand important science concepts in a creative and interactive way!
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Grade Three Weekly Update

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Language Arts Mrs. Haddad	This week, Grade Three students sharpened their reading comprehension skills by exploring an engaging story extract. They practised scanning for details, thinking critically about the setting, and discovering more about the story's plot and characters. By creating mental pictures and answering text-based questions, students enhanced their ability to visualise and connect with what they read, making their reading experience more meaningful and enjoyable!
Math Ms. Murphy	In Math class this week, the Grade Threes finished their unit on Probability and Chance. We did some more work on using our Chance vocabulary (certain, good chance, even chance, poor chance and no chance) to discuss the likelihood of certain scenarios, as well as creating our own scenarios to match the vocabulary. The Grade Threes had an assessment at the end of the week before moving on to our new unit next week.
Science Mrs. Haddad	This week, Grade Three students delved into the exciting topic of energy! They identified different types of energy transfers and observed how energy can change from one form to another, such as from light to heat or from motion to sound. They also learned the important principle that energy cannot be created or destroyed—it only changes form. Through experiments and real-life examples, students described these energy changes and deepened their understanding of how energy impacts our daily lives.
History/Geography Mrs. Haddad	This week, students explored the world of high mountains and mountain ranges across different continents! They located and learned fascinating facts about famous ranges like the Himalayas in Asia, the Andes in South America, the Rockies in North America, and the Alps in Europe. They also discovered how mountains are formed, including processes like volcanic activity, folding, and faulting. This geographical journey gave students a deeper appreciation of Earth's natural wonders!

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Grade Four Weekly Update

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Language Arts Mrs. Haddad	This week, Grade Four students explored the differences between a blog and a private diary, learning how each serves a unique purpose. They also studied adverbial phrases and prefixes, enhancing their writing and grammar skills. Additionally, they practised conducting interviews and discussed blogging, discovering how to express ideas creatively while engaging with different audiences. It was a week full of valuable language lessons!
Math Ms. Murphy	In Math class this week, the Grade Fours finished their unit on 3D shapes. They practiced drawing 3D cubes and cuboids on isometric paper, as well as identifying open and closed cube nets. They also looked at the relationship between prefixes and shapes by looking at the prefixes tri, pent, oct and hex. The Grade Fours finished the week with their end-of-unit assessment before moving on to their next unit on Monday.
Science Mrs. Haddad	This week, Grade Four students explored the science of sound by learning about string and wind instruments. They explained how and why different instruments produce high or low pitches. They discovered that the tighter a string is stretched, the higher the pitch, while thicker strings produce lower pitches. For wind instruments, they learned that the longer the column of air, the slower the vibration, resulting in a lower pitch. It was a week of scientific discovery, as students deepened their understanding of how various factors influence the pitch of musical sounds!
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IMPORTANT DATES

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Thursday, December 5	Fall Clubs end
Friday, December 6	Parent-Teacher Interviews 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Early dismissal at 11:40 a.m.
Friday, December 13	FPA Event: Pizza & Grub Day – Festive Attire Winter Showcase - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16	FPA Event: Holiday Market
Wednesday, December 18	House Games (Holiday Themed)
Thursday, December 19	Class Parties
December 20, 2024 – January 3, 2025	Winter Break