



Kindergarten Weekly Update

Friday, December 20, 2024

Language Arts Ms. Petrie	The Kindergarteners began the week reviewing the SH and TH digraph blends. The rest of the week the students participated in festive Language Arts activities! They wrote an opinion piece about what they believe Santa would do during his vacation, they engaged in an 'if I were an elf' writing prompt, as well as participated in holiday themed sticker stories. The students enjoyed listening to numerous holiday read alouds as well!
Math Ms. Petrie	In Math this week, the Kindergarteners reviewed concepts taught thus far. They focused on their addition and subtraction skills to 10, as well as began working with identifying numbers to 20.
Science Ms. Petrie	The students were encouraged to explore the variety of scientific tools they learned about early in the Fall. The students got creative using magnifying glasses and magnets, to explore the classroom space.
History/Geography Ms. Petrie	In History this week, the students were introduced to Germany. We specifically learned about how Germany was the country that first created the Christmas tree! After learning about the Christmas tree, the students then made a special holiday present for their loved ones.
Visual Arts Mme. Lechallier	This week the students were introduced to a new topic, "Roman Art."
French Mme Lechallier	This week the students finished the last week of the year by playing the French game "Trouve le pere noel, trouve le sapin".
Health & Physical Education Mr. Makubuya	This week our Kindergarten class enjoyed some team and individual games!
Music	The Kindergarten Class spent the week unwinding from the

Mr. Morales	busy rehearsal schedule leading up to the Winter Concert. Students took part in fun activities and listening exercises for new songs including Peaches from the Mario Bros. Movie and Everything is Awesome from the Lego Movie.
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Please ask your child:

- What are three words that have SH in it?
- What was something you found that was magnetic in the classroom?



Grade One Weekly Update

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Language Arts Ms. Petrie	In Language Arts this week, the Grade One students engaged in holiday themed activities. The students wrote an opinion piece about what they believe Santa would do for vacation. The students also practiced their punctuation skills, where they had to work on fixing the capital letters, lowercase letters, and punctuation. They engaged in a writing prompt that was 'if I were an elf', and made holiday cards for their loved ones. The students also had their December writing assessment.
Math Ms. Petrie	In Math this week, the students finished their measurement unit. They engaged in activities in their workbook, and practiced their measurement skills on classroom and household objects. The students also engaged in holiday themed activities, where they worked on their addition skills in a colour by number activity.
Science Ms. Murphy	This week in Science class, the Grade Ones continued their learning about animals. We learned about mother animals and their young and compared similarities and differences between them. We also looked at how we change as we grow. The Grade Ones measured themselves using water bottles to see how many bottles tall they were. They recorded these results on a block graph.
History/Geography Ms. Murphy	In History/Geography this week, we learned about the Amazing Aztecs. We examined their lifestyle, and compared this lifestyle to what we know about the Mesopotamians, Egyptians and Mayans. The Grade Ones and Twos learned about Tenochtitlan, an ancient Aztec settlement in Mexico and the incredible story of how they came to settle there. They also learned about Moctezuma II, a famous Aztec ruler.
Global Perspectives Ms. Murphy	The Grade Ones and Twos participated in a fabulous showcase of their projects this week in Global Perspectives class. We

	learned about so many different countries, including India, China, South Korea, Italy and Ireland. We even got some yummy treats; coffee candies from Colombia (thanks Santiago!) and chocolate treats from Japan (thanks Angelo!). Well done to all the Grade Ones and Twos on your hard work!
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Math Ms. Murphy	The Grade Twos finished up their multiplication unit and have spent the week revising the multiples of 2, 4, 8, 3, 6 and 9. They engaged in festive activities to help them learn their times tables, which they really enjoyed!
Science Mrs. Haddad	This week, our Grade Two class explored the fascinating world of light and shadows! We learned about opaque and transparent materials and how they affect the passage of light. The highlight of our week was creating shadow puppets and experimenting with light sources to see how shadows are formed and change shape. The students had fun observing how shadows stretch, shrink, and move depending on the position of the light. It was a hands-on way to understand these concepts and spark curiosity about the science of light!
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French Mme Lechallier	This week the students finished the last week of the year by playing the game “ le cochon pendu “ devine qui suis-je, le chef d’orchestre.
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<p>Language Arts Mrs. Haddad</p>	<p>This week, our Grade Three class focused on building strong foundational literacy skills by learning about phrases, sentences, and key words. The students practiced distinguishing between phrases and full sentences while identifying important keywords in a variety of texts. They were encouraged to write their own sentences, read passages carefully, and answer comprehension questions related to the text. These activities not only strengthened their writing and reading skills but also helped them develop critical thinking as they analyzed and responded to what they read.</p>
<p>Math Ms. Murphy</p>	<p>The Grade Threes continued their work on tessellation this week, with a festive twist! Using squared paper, they drew snowmen and then tessellated them to form a snowman pattern! They applied this learning to create a wonderful Christmas tree tessellation project.</p>
<p>Science Mrs. Haddad</p>	<p>This week, our Grade Three class delved into the fascinating world of materials, substances, and particles! Students explored how materials are made up of different particles and learned to classify substances based on their properties. Through hands-on experiments and observations, they discovered how particles interact and change when materials are mixed, heated, or cooled. The activities encouraged curiosity and critical thinking, helping students better understand the science behind everyday materials and their transformations.</p>
<p>History/Geography Mrs. Haddad</p>	<p>This week, our students were introduced to the fascinating era of Medieval Europe! They explored the changes that led to the decline of the Western Roman Empire, including invasions by various groups, using maps to trace and describe these movements. They also identified 476 CE as the end of the Roman Empire and discussed how life in Europe evolved during</p>

	the Middle Ages, leading to significant societal changes. To complement our studies, we enjoyed a captivating presentation on mountain animals and admired the creativity and effort put into the students' beautiful pyramid projects!
Global Perspectives Mrs. Haddad	This week, the students continued their survey project by working in groups to write their conclusions and prepare for their presentations. They focused on refining their research questions to explore how people think about traveling to school. By designing and carrying out their own surveys, they strengthened their curiosity and research skills while gathering meaningful data. The activity emphasized effective communication, creativity, and critical thinking, helping students build confidence in presenting their findings to others.
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1. What were some of the key changes that led to the decline of the Western Roman Empire, and how did these changes affect life in Europe during the Middle Ages?
2. Using the map, describe one group that invaded the Western Roman Empire and explain how their actions contributed to the end of the empire in 476 CE.



Grade Four Weekly Update

Friday, December 10, 2024

<p>Language Arts Mrs. Haddad</p>	<p>This week, our students delved into the elements of a story by learning about exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Using Part One of <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>, we worked together to identify and map out these key components, enhancing their understanding of story structure. The students enjoyed analyzing the twists and turns of Gulliver's adventures and are now eagerly continuing with Part Two, discovering new adventures and discussing how the story unfolds. This activity has sparked curiosity and engagement, making reading a shared journey of discovery!</p>
<p>Math Ms. Murphy</p>	<p>This week in Grade Four, we finished up our learning on likelihood by completing our learner book and workbook exercises. We will continue with our Probability unit in January. We finished off the week by solving a festive mystery: who stole the gifts from under the tree? The Grade Fours worked through the various math clues to eliminate potential suspects. They thoroughly enjoyed this activity.</p>
<p>Science Mrs. Haddad</p>	<p>This week, our students explored the states and properties of matter, with a special focus on gases. They learned how gases differ from solids and liquids and discovered some of their unique properties. During a fun and engaging activity, we used water and an empty bottle to observe gases in action, watching bubbles form and rise as evidence of trapped air being released. It was an exciting way to bring science to life and deepen their understanding of the invisible world of gases!</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 6	Classes resume
Monday, January 13	Cultural Showcase Session 1
Monday, January 20	Winter Clubs & Tutorials begin Cultural Showcase Session 2
Monday, January 27 – Wednesday, January 29	Public Speaking Showcase – In-class presentations
Friday, January 31	Fieldstone Public Speaking Showcase 2025