

Grade Two News- November 2017

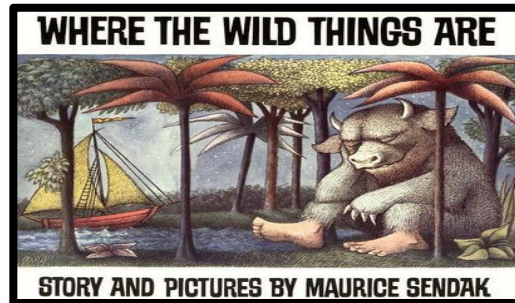
In Language Arts: Students will continue to focus on reading and writing, incorporating spelling, word work and Daily 5 reading strategies into our literacy periods. Each child has learned how to pick a "good fit" book. Please continue to **read at home 15-20 minutes a night. This is an essential part of your child's reading program as they need practice time each day.** This should be a fun time with your child and not a fight. If they are fatigued, read to them, or use a reading site like tumble books (on our school home page) as listening to reading is also important for developing readers! In **writing** we are beginning a new unit focusing on the author **Robert Munsch**.

In Math: Students are continuing to explore the **variety of ways to represent numbers** (money, place value, tally marks, expanded form). We will be working on the important concepts of equality as well. Extra practice on one of our 'helpful sites' for math, on our grade 2 webpage <http://pesgrade2.weebly.com/> will enhance your child's numeracy skills. Practice counting coins will also help your child understand skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. Students will also be introduced to our **data analysis unit**. They will enjoy collecting a variety of data and answering questions related to the information.

In Science: We are finishing up our first topic on "**Understanding Liquids**". We've had lots of fun splashing around and learning about matter and molecules. The kids have demonstrated great enthusiasm and interest in the experiments we've completed, and are finding lots of interesting ways that science concepts are evident in our everyday lives.

In Social: Students learned **why people moved to the following communities:** of Ponoka, AB, Meteghan, NS and Iqaluit, NU. We also reviewed the **location** of the communities using the giant map of Canada. We will begin our study of the **culture** of the Inuit in November.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with their child's wild thing creation. We were amazed with the creative creatures!



Long weekend

Don't forget that there is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, November 10 through Monday, November 13. These are days off in lieu of parent-teacher interviews and Remembrance Day.



Student Involved Portfolio Conferences

The first student Involved Portfolio Conference of the year will be held on Thursday, December 7. These Portfolio Conferences are an opportunity for your child to share their learning experiences with you. Classroom teachers will be present to facilitate the evening but it will be your child leading you through the conference. There will be other families in attendance during the evening. Hope to see you there!



Scholastic Orders- Christmas

December book orders will be sent home later this month. Book orders and money will be due back in early Dec. so they can be shipped and distributed before Christmas. If you're buying books as Christmas presents please let your homeroom teacher know and we will find a way to get them to you without your child knowing!

Ask your child about some of their reading strategies:

Check for understanding
Does it look right/ sound right/ make sense?
Use beginning and ending sounds
Look at the pictures - does it make sense?
Look for interesting and unusual words
Back up and re-read
Ask questions

Computers

We are very impressed with how well most of the Grade Two kids have been working during computer time. Students are using the computer during a variety of classes (Math, Social, LA, Science). As a class we will be working on Digital Literacy and Citizenship (internet safety: never give out personal information to strangers, not talking mean to others, telling an adult if you feel scared, nervous, etc) but you may wish to discuss this at home too. Media Smarts is a great link (<http://mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/educational-games>) that has more information and educational games for students to play surrounding digital literacy/citizenship.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Photo re-takes	9 Assembly 9 am	10 No school	11  Remembrance Day
12	13 No School	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PD Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		