



Grade 3 Newsletter November 2021

November is upon us as we begin our third month of school! The students are working towards being more responsible for their homework, assignments and organising their personal belongings. I thank you for your continued support in this important area of development.



A note about resources on Google Classroom:

- ★ Please check the 'Resource' section on the classroom page of Google Classroom regularly as I will continue to upload new and useful anchor charts and material to support your child's learning.

A note about reading:

- ★ **Home Reading** must be completed every night of the week. This is the best way for students to develop their fluency.
- ★ As comprehension is an essential part of reading, students should *understand* what they are reading. You might support them in this area by asking some simple comprehension questions throughout with such as: *What is happening in the story so far? What do you think will happen next? Why? Does this part of the story remind you of any other book you have read before? Does the way this character is feeling remind you of a time when you felt like this? Tell me about it. Describe your favourite character in this book? Are there any similarities between this character and you? Can you make a text to text or text to world connection? Etc....* These sorts of questions prompt the students to think more deeply about the text and therefore engage more meaningfully in the reading process, making it a positive experience.

- ★ You might also like to practice 'buddy reading' with your child from time to time (you read a paragraph, modeling expression and fluency and then your child reads the following paragraph etc). This is not only a wonderful opportunity to bond with your child and understand what level they are at in their reading fluency, but it also shows your child that you, as an adult, value and enjoy reading. Research shows that children whose parents read at home for pleasure are more likely to be successful readers in the future than those whose parents do not. Research also shows that reading aloud, rather than simply talking to children, builds literacy and enriches language far more successfully. **Read, read, read!**



Curriculum Focus for the month of November:



Religion:

- Saint project (and presentation).
- The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (linked to the inquiry question: 'How can I become a saint?')

Reading:

- Developing fluency and expression through the use of 'good fit' books (IPICK).
- Continued review of decoding strategies.

Reading Power:

- '**The Power to Connect**' (Review *Text to self*, *Text to text* and introduce Text to world connections).
- Identifying the **author's purpose** in reading material (PIE: Persuade, Inform, Entertain).
- Dictionary Skills: Alphabetical order.

Writing:

- Introduction to **paragraph writing (Informational Writing)**. Students will apply their knowledge of The Writing Process when writing paragraphs.
- Parts of speech: Review of common and proper nouns. Exploring verbs.
- **Word study**: Long 'u' (u, ue, u_e), 'r-controlled sounds' (ar, or, er, ir, or).

Math:

- Review and daily practice of **mental math strategies** for addition and subtraction.
- Addition of 3 digit numbers with and without regrouping.
- Introduction to **word problems** using these operations.

Science: Food webs, habitat project.

Socials: Remembrance Day, First Nations Crests, Totem Poles.

Career Education:

- S.M.A.R.T goal setting: Creating 'Specific' goals.
- Introduction to Growth Mindset. Parent letters will be sent home once a week to inform you of the concepts being explored.
- Weekly reflective writing based on the core competencies.

French: Ma Famille, La Meteo.

Art: Remembrance Day art, Cold and warm colour art.

ADST: Famous Inventor Project (connected to growth mindset).

Important dates to note:

November 1st: Photo retakes

November 2nd: School mass during school time (All Souls Day)

November 5th: Grade 2 & 3 mass at 8:15am. Please arrive before 8:10am. Students may leave their backpacks on the right pews close to the confessional when they enter.

November 10th: Remembrance Day Assembly for students in the school.

November 11th: Remembrance Day 2021. No school.

November 22nd: Pro-D Day. No school.

November 25th: First Nations storytelling.

November 26th : **Three Way Conferences.** More information will be given about this closer to the time. Please note that there is NO school on this day. **Santa photos in the gym!**

I would like to thank you for all your support so far this year and if you have any questions about your child's progress, please email me at grainnekinsella@spev.ca

Le gach dea-ghuí (With every blessing),
Ms. Kinsella.

