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Grade 3 Newsletter

February is here !

Time is flying by and we are almost half way through the school year. The students are working so hard and are becoming more and more independent everyday.



Homework for February : This month we will have a math centred homework bingo. The problems on the bingo card are from our math curriculum and are meant to be not challenging for the students. I do ask you to initial once a square is completed and feel free to check the answers and have a conversation about how they solved the problems.

READING IN OUR CLASSROOM :

One of our goals this year is to improve our reading stamina. We are working on “Real Reading” and being able to make connections with the text, re-read parts that we didn't understand, improving our vocabulary and summarizing. To make reading a little bit more fun, I have created a Power Hour Reading challenge. This hour is cumulative throughout the day. Each student is reading at a certain level and they get to choose from a selection I have available to them. We have a graph with student's name and books read that

helps us visualize our success. Each time a student reads a book, fills out a book reports and has an interview with me - he/she moves up on the graph (and gets 5 Billy Bucks). The class LOVES this. We are in our second week and some students have read about 5 books. I am so proud of them, but most importantly - they are proud of themselves.



Building Structures and Testing Materials with The Big Bad Wolf Challenge



Our science unit in January and February is all about structures and

designs. We had to put our engineering hats on and revisit an old favourite story - The three little pigs. Students worked in groups to design a house that will protect the little pigs using the materials they used in the book. Our designs were great! We started the engineering process with creating a plan and a blue print. Next, we build using the materials assigned to us. Then, we did a pre-test and fixed the design. Finally, The Big Bad Wolf tested our structures and only some were left standing. We are going to continue our unit and we have many more challenges ahead. Stay tuned.



Our Objectives this Month :

