

GRADE 3A NEWS

January 2016

It's Cold Outside!

BBRRR!!!

Please make sure your child comes dressed to school in appropriate cold weather clothing. This includes a coat, warm pants, a hat, a scarf and mittens (when necessary). Please remember recess is held

outside on most days.

Each student should have extra cloths.

Guest Readers Wanted

I love reading to my students and they really enjoy it. Fridays is our official Love of Reading day. If you would like to join us as a guest reader in the classroom on Fridays, please send me a note in your child's agenda or an email. Bring your



Dear Parents,

Happy 2016!

It is great to see our students back to school, eager to learn, and enjoying our wintery weather! Thank you for making sure they are dressed properly each day. We hope you had a wonderful holiday together.

Here are a few things we are up to during January:

New Homework Format : I wanted to change things up with the homework format. The previous Spelling Homework was a great way to get the students in the habit of doing homework and practice their spelling. After, doing research and taking the students needs into consideration I thought of a new homework format that will focus on different academic needs each month. This month we will focus on **READING!** Each student will receive a laminated Bingo Homework Board. The tasks on the board are literacy enriched and hopefully fun for you and the students. The goal is to get two lines (vertically, horizontally or diagonally). When a task is complete, please use a marker (permanent works best) and initial it. The homework will be due at the end of the month - 29th January. We will have our small Homework Celebration that day as well. The Billy Bucks system still in place. Students have access to our class library and will be encouraged to take books that they need in order to complete the task. You can use any books at home, public library, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me! I hope you and your child will have fun completing this homework Bingo ;)

This Month's Curriculum Focus

Literacy- During writing tasks the Grade 3's have been learning The 6 Traits of Writing to improve their writing skills. They have been working on using descriptive words to make their writing "juicy" and interesting. We are focusing on sentence structure and creating strong sentences.

Math- We are continuing to develop number sense and practicing addition and subtraction of two and three digit numbers. Our new unit is on measurement. These "I can" statements will be assessed by the student:

- I can talk about days in a week and months in a year.
- I can read a calendar to find the date.
- Estimate, measure and compare lengths using non-standard units, such as paper clips, straws or snap cubes.
- I can estimate, measure and compare the distance around an object using non-standard units.
- I can estimate, measure and compare masses using balance scales and non-standard units such as beads, blocks or snap cubes.
- I can solve everyday problems about measurement.

Social- The "I can" statements we will be working on are :

- I can explore the characteristics that shape communities in other parts of the world.
- I can explore the social and cultural characteristics that affect communities in other parts of the world.

Science- We are continuing our work on building structures and testing designs and materials.

- I can safely use a variety of tools and methods in building activities.
- I can use many materials and designs to build structures.
- I can compare different materials and designs.