

# GRADE 3A NEWS

October 2015

## Student Learning Assessments

During the two-week period beginning September 27th, we are busy writing the Student Learning Assessments. While time-consuming, the results of these assessments will be a benefit to teachers in planning instruction for the upcoming Grade 3 year.

## 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 favourite book and your love of reading!



## Dear Parents,

September has come and gone! We are off to a great start with one month of getting to know each other and learning the expectations for third grade. What a fantastic group of kids I have! Students are getting into the habit of completing and turning in work. Our homework system has been working well, but we are still learning to take responsibility and completing it regularly. We are off to a great start!





## Self Directed Learning

### *Self directed learning in our classroom*

We have learned to make decisions about how we want our classroom to run and how each of us can contribute. Students have been asked to take an active role in all the decision making and problem solving around classroom routines and to solve simple classroom problems when they arise. In doing so we have created classroom jobs, routines and a space that works for all of us.

## Daily Physical Activity

Each day the students participate in some type of activity that gets their heart rate up and gets them active. We call them Brain Breaks. Movement is very important to our learning and allows us to focus and be successful.

## *This Month's Curriculum Focus*

**Reading-** Reading daily and using a variety of comprehension strategies.

**Writing-** We will be focusing on creating writing ideas and reviewing writing conventions. As well as adding details to our writing so help the reader picture what is happening in their writing.

**Math-** We will be reviewing addition and subtraction and starting our second unit of math on developing number sense.

**Social-** We are starting a new unit on mapping skills. We will incorporate Google Earth in our studies of maps.

**Science-** We will be continuing our unit on rocks, minerals and soil.

### **Important Dates :**

**Oct. 7 - Thanks Giving Celebration @ 9:40 am.**

**Oct. 9 No School**

**Oct. 12 - No School**

**Oct. 15 - School Spirit**

**Jersey Day**

**Oct. 16 - Fundraiser Order Forms Due.**

**Oct. 23 - No School**

**Oct. 29 - Virtue Awards @ 11:15 am.**

