

Grade One Parent Newsletter for the month of



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

In grammar and reading, we will continue with phonics including vowel pairs oa, oo and ow, which make the long /o/ sound. We will learn the concept of compound words such as rainbow, backpack and cupcake. We will expand our knowledge of naming words (nouns) by studying proper nouns such people's names and places. We will also begin the usage of pronouns (he, she, it, we, they, etc.).

Later on in the month we will hold our third and final writing workshop. Our focus for this workshop will be learning to write a story. The students will learn to how to write an imaginary story with a good beginning, middle and end.

Please continue to read the weekly words with your daughter at home to support her reading fluency.

Math

In Math we are starting Chapter 8. In this chapter, we will learn how to add and subtract two-digit numbers. At home, you can help your daughter add and subtract two-digit numbers. Put 14 coins, small objects or counters in a jar. Have your daughter add 11 more. Ask her to explain a way to find the sum. Count with her to find how many or use the *count on* strategy on a number line or on a number chart.

Repeat with different quantities each day. Work with your daughter to subtract numbers as well. After the holiday we will start Chapter 10 Represent Data.

Vocabulary: bar graph, picture graph, tally mark, tally chart.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin with our Nutrition unit. The students will demonstrate an understanding of the five food groups; We will explore further how to choose better food alternatives, such as fruits instead of chocolate and baked potatoes instead of fries etc. Students will begin to make a connection between the importance of a sound body and mind. Daily exercise routines are an essential part of health. Students will understand how exercise goes hand in hand with nutrition. The goal is to provide the students with the knowledge and awareness to help them make healthier choices on a day to day basis.

At home: Help your daughter keep a track of her daily meals. Ask her what food groups are in her lunch daily and keep a food log for the week.

Vocabulary: balance, fruits, vegetables, protein, dairy, grains

Following a simple performance assessment for the Nutrition unit, we will move on to our annual International unit. More information about this unit will follow.

Science

In April we will talk about the Nature of Science. The students will understand what Science is by learning how scientists make discoveries, what skills they use to learn about new things. The kids will understand that Science means observation of the world and nature. To observe they use their senses-sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste. The students will also learn about using tools to measure the size or amount of something. Finally they will know about the importance of following safety rules while doing science activities or experiments.

Vocabulary: inquiry, observe, tool, measure, safety, investigate, data, record.

REMINDERS:

Parents are reminded that money sent to school for any reason should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount written on the front.