



November Newsletter 2019

Grade 3

English Language Arts:

Our little readers will be focussing on the following stories in ELA: *The Harvest Birds*, *Kamishibai Man* and *Young Thomas Edison* -- These stories will be read over a period of two weeks. Learners will develop their comprehension skills by focusing on the cause and effect in stories, analyses of illustrations, and the sequence of events in stories and texts. We will develop our writing skills by writing an opinion paragraph where students will be taught how to elaborate on their ideas and provide evidence to support their ideas. Students will learn how to plan and write a response about the prescribed literature. In Grammar, we will learn how to use the comma & identify abstract nouns and pronouns. Through class discussions, students will develop their listening skills.

Math:

Students will be continuing with multiplication and the following concepts will be taught and revised: learning about equal groups, factors and multiplication and how to draw an array. The following words are important: factor, product and skip counting. We will also introduce division. For both concepts, students will be learning about equal groups. In division, the following words are important: divisor, dividend and quotient. The students will be using hundreds, tens and ones blocks to actively participate when multiplying or dividing.

Important dates!

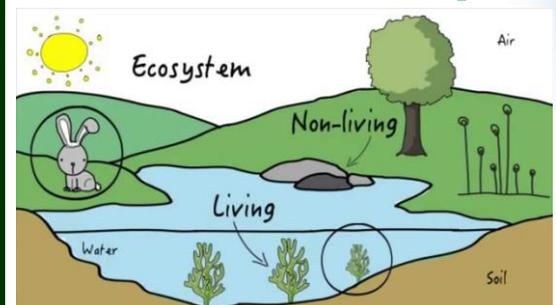
November 5th: Star Assembly

November 7th: Sports Day

November 17-21st: International Week

Science:

November in Science, sees Grade 3 continuing to develop the Scientific Method when doing experiments. The focus through November will be "Ecosystems" (how all things are interdependent), "Weather and Weather Patterns". We will also look at how weather can affect the ecosystems as well as the repercussions of pollution on ecosystems. We will also be looking at fossils and how they can communicate data from the past.



Social Studies:

In Social Studies, our explorers will learn about *Communities in History* and how explorers found new trade routes and discovered new lands. We will continue with the theme of 'How New Comers Settle in a New Country'. We will study transportation over time and how much easier it is to move around in modern times. This will include the invention of the steam engine and its use in boats and trains. Communication is very easy for us now with modern technology so a look back at the invention of the telegraph will be a wonderful experience for the classes and we will learn how to write our names in morse code. Our practice with line graphs and maps will continue as we refine our skills; they apply not only to Social Studies, but in the real world too!