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Newsletter for October 31st, 2023

REMINDERS

- Nov. 1 School Council Mtg @7:00
- Nov. 7 Remembrance Day Ceremonies @12:45
- Nov. 8 Popcorn Day
Pajama Day
- Nov. 9 NO SCHOOL – PD DAY
- Nov. 10 NO SCHOOL – In Lieu of P.T.I.
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13 NO SCHOOL – In Lieu of Remembrance Day
- Nov. 14 Dental Crew for Gr. K,1,2 in AM
Picture Retakes and Buddy Pictures
- Nov. 16 Hotdog Day
- Nov. 17 REPORT CARDS sent home
- Nov. 22 P.T.I. (Parent Teacher Interviews)
- Nov. 23 P.T.I. (Parent Teacher Interviews)
HOT LUNCH
- Nov. 28 Hotdog Day
Flower Order Pick-up
- Nov. 30 Assembly @2:05
80's Day (dress like in the 80's)



80's

Back to the 80'S

METIS WEEK – Nov. 13 - 17
BOOKFAIR WEEK – Nov. 20 to 23
Spiritwear every Thursday



PRINCIPALS'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic month of October this has been! From the unbelievable weather to start the month to the activities we have been able to participate in around the school we have had a great first two months to the school year!

The grade 7's had their first week of Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) last week. The students' had the opportunity to connect with other grade 7's from Onoway, Grasmere and Darwell and learn about different skills and interests as they connect to various careers they may choose to pursue in the future. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the students at the CTF Showcase on Friday afternoon!

Students are also very happy to have events and groups back up and running. Hotdog lunches, dress-up days, assemblies, leadership groups and intramural teams are all adding to the excitement around the school.

This month we have our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at 12:45pm on Tuesday, November 7th. We will have presentations from all of the grades so, if you can make it out, we would love to see you here! We will also have report cards going home on Friday, November 17th with Parent Teacher interviews to follow on Wednesday, November 22nd from 5-8:30pm and Thursday, November 23rd from 4-6:30pm. We will have the Book Fair running during the week of interviews so it will be open those nights as well.

Also, please mark your calendars for skating the week of November 27th - December 1st. We will be skating throughout the afternoons at the arena and can always use some extra hands to tie some skates!

Please try to make it out to tomorrow night's School Council meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 7pm here at the school. School Council has many upcoming events with which they would love to have your feedback and support!

Have a great weekend.

Kelly Muir

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Rich Valley School

October 31, 2023

Classroom News

Literacy

This month for Literacy, we continued our study of letters and sounds. So far this year we have studied the letters P, U, O, M and X. Students should be able to name these letters (both upper and lower case) and say the letter sound. The children have also practiced printing these letters. They should be able to form these letters with minimal assistance. We will keep practicing these throughout the year. It is important to continue to practice these skills at home on a regular basis.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the kindergarten students have focused on the numbers zero, one, two and the number three. Time was also spent counting items, printing numbers and a little sorting. We will continue to practice these skill throughout the year, as well as learning more numbers. Students are also continuing to learn about patterns. They have been learning how to identify patterns and are also able to create their own!

Show and Tell

Our first month of show and tell has gone great! If your child forgets to bring something on their day to share, they can just tell/share a story. Please remember, that whatever they bring from home should fit in a grocery bag. Thanks!



What to practice at home...

-letters (name & sound)

*-printing name
(uppercase only on first letter)*

-counting to ten & counting groups of objects

Important Dates:

- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 9– 13 no School.
- November 14– Picture Retakes
- November 17– Report cards go home
- November 22-23- Parent Teacher Interviews-



October 27, 2023

Grade One

Rich Valley Elementary School

Important Dates:

- Halloween Activities in the afternoon Oct. 31
- Hot Dog Day Oct. 31
- Remembrance Day Service @ 1 pm Nov. 7
- No School - Remembrance Day/ PD Day Nov. 9th - 13th
- Students back to school Nov. 14th

It is hard to believe October is almost gone. It does not seem that long ago that the students entered grade one; however, when you look at our Counting to 100 chart we have been at school for 37 days. The Counting to 100 Chart is used to count the number of days we have been at school as well as it provides an opportunity to talk about what each number means and to practice counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's and backwards to 0. Practicing counting by these amounts at home will be beneficial as well.

Science

This week the students were identifying objects that can be stretched and those that can be broken as well as, reviewing the end of the Matter unit. The students tested many objects to see if they could be stretched. The objects tested were playdough, a book, a pencil, a balloon, a rubber band, a toy, and a Lego piece. They had to circle Yes, if it could be stretched and No, if it could not be stretched on a sheet in their booklet. We then discussed breaking objects and decided that with the right tools most objects can be broken.

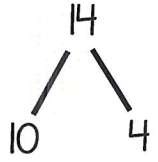
Language Arts

The students were introduced to a new word family this week which was the -ill word family. How many words can your child think of that has the word family -ill in it? This list was sent home in September and we have covered almost all these sounds in class. If you could practice these sounds at home as well, it would assist in helping sound out the more difficult words when reading. As well, knowing these sounds will assist in spelling words in student writing.

ee tree	ow cow	ck sock	ue blue
ow! cow	ur fur	or horse	wh wheel
ir bird	ch chair	er horse	sh ship
th thumb	ew new	ar car	at bat
oi oil	oy toy	ing ring	ay key
ou house	an fan	oo balloon	ui juice
oo foot	ug bug	ill hill	ell cell
all ball	ack back	uck back	ink ink
ake cake	ice ice	op top	est nest

Math

In math the students continued learning about part-part-whole and focused on the "teen" family. We reviewed the numbers in the "teen" family (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19) and used clues in the number to help us remember how to say the numbers. We also partitioned these numbers into parts so we could identify what each number means. We partitioned all the numbers into 1 group of 10, because that is what the one means, and then the amount of the second part was the ones left over. So we partitioned 14 into 1 group of ten and 4 ones.



Have a great weekend!
Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Hove

There will be Halloween activities in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 31st. During the afternoon, the ghosts and the goblins will be playing games and then during the last two blocks, we will go to the gym for a costume parade and dance. The students can bring their costumes to school and put them on before the activities. We will have regular classes until the afternoon!



Mrs. Zolmer

Grade 2/3 News

October 31, 2023



Math and Language Arts

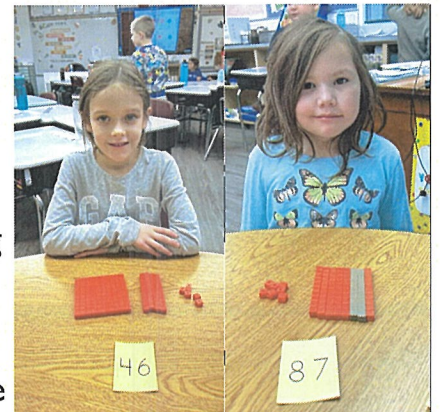
This month in Math the Grade 2 students wrapped up their unit on patterns. They had their Pattern Fashion Show, which was a huge success and a lot of fun. The students are now working on numbers to 1000. They will be working on skip counting, counting money, writing numbers in expanded form and standard form.

This month in language arts, the students have been working on strengthening their writing through the Empowering Writers program. They have been practicing using a catchy beginning to start their writing off, writing on topic, and adding a closing sentence to wrap their writing up. The students are also working on descriptive writing. They have

almost completed a mini writing activity where the students need to describe their monster that is “lost.”

Special points of interest:

- Nov. 1st— School Council Mtg. @ 7 pm
- Nov. 7th— Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov. 8th— Popcorn and Pajama Day
- Nov. 9/10/13th— No School
- Nov. 14th— Picture Retakes and Buddy Pictures
- Nov. 16th— Hot Dog Day
- Nov. 17th— Report Cards
- Nov. 20th— Book Fair Week



Place Value— Building Numbers!



Grade 3 Language Arts and Art

This month is Grade 3 Language Arts, the students are almost finished listening to “James and the Giant Peach.” They are working on building connections to the

text, making inferences, etc.

This month in art, the students created a painted “Giving Tree” picture based around the book “The Giving Tree: A Retelling on a

Traditional Metis Story.” The students also created “Scream” art and that is up on display in the hallway leading to the gym.





Grade 4/5 Classroom News



TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2023

CLASSROOM AND LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE

We've had a busy month in the grade 4//5 classroom! In Language Arts, students started their novel study. We are reading "The Mouse and the Motorcycle". Students have been enjoying this book, and are completely engaged in all of the activities.

This week students have been writing about their Halloween costumes. This writing involves students telling about their Halloween costumes, WITHOUT telling the reader what their costume actually is. Students had to use descriptive words to tell about their costume. This writing was read to the class, and the class had to guess what the costume was. All of the writing was very creative, and we enjoyed guessing each costume.

Students have also spent the last few weeks working on Remembrance Day posters. If students chose, the posters can be submitted to the legion for their annual poster competition. The posters look amazing!

Next week, we will be working on Remembrance Day themed writing.

Grade 4 MATH UPDATE

In math this month, the 4's completed their unit about rounding, place value, comparing numbers, and writing numbers in standard, expanded, and written form. Students showed good understandings of these concepts, and even created a "Place Value Pumpkin Patch" outside of our classroom. Our next math unit will be "Multiplication and Division". Expect multiplication flashcards to come home with your child in the coming weeks!

Grade 5 SOCIAL UPDATE

This month, students have covered the Arctic Region, as well as the Atlantic Region. Students are currently working the final region of this unit, which is "The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Lowlands". After Each region students completed a small assignment about region. The entire unit will culminate in a poster about all of the regions.

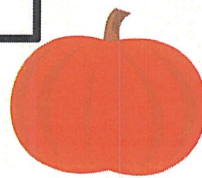
IMPORTANT DATES!

Remembrance Day
Celebration
Nov. 7

PD Day - No School
November 9

No School
November 13

Report Cards
Nov. 17



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN

Language Arts 5/6 and Social 6 with Mrs. Allen

Language Arts 5/6

The grade 6s have completed their novel study, *Number the Stars*, and are now completing projects for it either individually or in a group setting. Ask them what project they chose! We will begin a new book around the first week of November.

In guided reading groups for grade 5, students have read a short story about Chester Greenwood and his *Big Invention*. Within this book, we worked on predicting, word meanings, syllables, contractions, comprehension, fluency, accuracy, and expression. The next short story we have begun is about masks around the world. Why do people wear masks? What purpose do they serve?

Social 6

We have moved on from learning the basics of democracy, to seeing it in action in provincial government. What is a referendum? Why have a referendum vs. a regular vote for your representative? This chapter will lead us into the students forming their own political parties to try to provide something they think their school would benefit from.

Math 6, Science 6, and Art/Music 5/6 with Miss Bablitz

Math 6

The students have been working on multiplying and dividing decimals using standard form. They are required to divide and multiply a three digit decimal number by a two digit whole number. In addition they should be able to use these skills to apply them to life situations such as solving problems involving money! Challenge your student with a question and let them amaze you with their skills!

Science 6

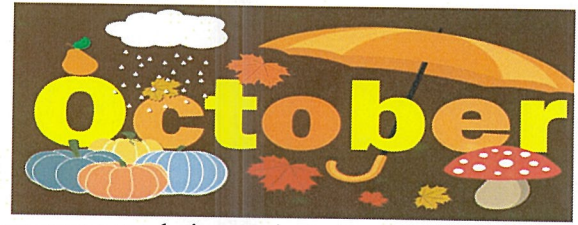
The students have finished up learning about the properties of air and have moved into looking at aerodynamics and investigating what features allow animals to fly. Grade 6 students just finished up their posters on animals that fly so ask them about their animals and what they learned about that animal that allows them to fly!

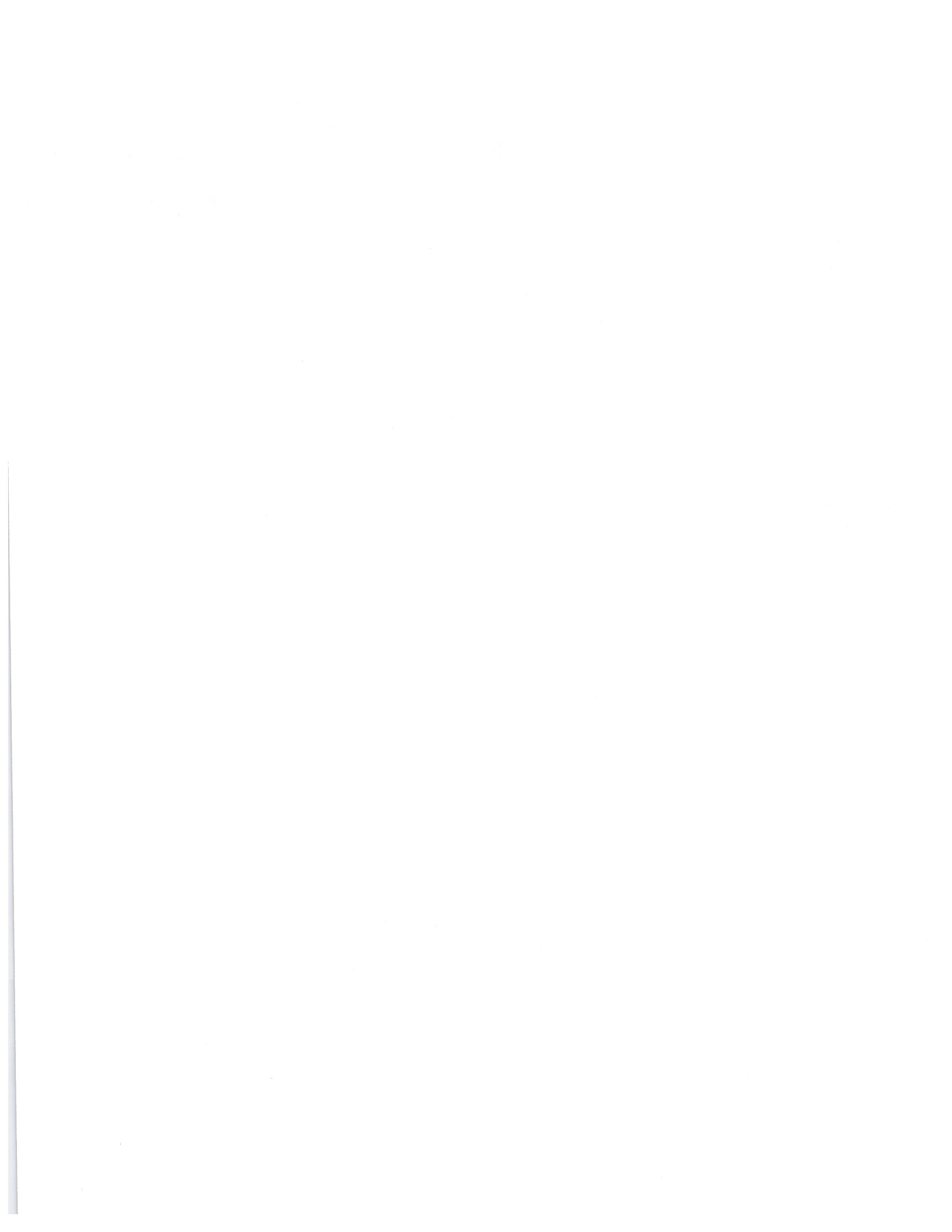
Art 5/6

The students finished up their Aboriginal Dot Art projects and they have received many compliments on them in the hallway. I am very impressed with the effort that was exhibited by all students. The last week of October students have been working hard on their Remembrance Day posters as well as their Halloween Art projects.

Passion Projects Grade 5

The Grade 5 students have completed their Passion Projects and have had them up on display for all students to see and enjoy. Everyone was very engaged and it was rewarding to see them so passionate about what they created!







October Grade 7 Newsletter 2023-24



P.E/ Health/Lifestyle

We have started our Volleyball Unit in phys-ed, and have learned a few line dances along the way!

Grade 7's had a great first week of CTF at Grasmere school. All were able to create something as a keepsake, and learn new skills. We can't wait for week 2!

Grade 7 Language Arts

Students are continuing to analyze and understand different elements of short stories. We have focused in on theme, setting, point of view and conflict. Students are working on developing their self-monitoring/comprehension skills while we read a variety of short stories!

Daily 5

The grade sevens have developed a great routine in our Daily 5 blocks. Here, students have the opportunity to develop their reading/writing skills at their own pace. Students are given designated blocks to rotate through stations including silent reading time, word work/vocabulary programming, and writing skills. I am very impressed with their ability to focus in, and use their time wisely as a class!



Grade 7 Math

The grade 7's are wrapping up their Integers unit this month. In this unit students learned how to add and subtract integers pictorially and symbolically!

Social

Students are learning about Pre-Confederation Canada, and various European explorers. Students are reading about, and discussing how imperialism impact different Aboriginal groups, as well as the different areas of trade.

Science

This month's science focus has been on, "Interactions and Ecosystems". So far, students have studied the relationships between living and nonliving things that make up an ecosystem, the basic needs of living things, as well as some of the impacts humans have within these ecosystems. Grade seven's have shown great interest in our science projects so far this year, and love talking about different species that exist on our planet!

Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 7th- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Nov 8th- Popcorn Day
- Nov 9th-13th- Fall Break
- Nov 14th- Picture Retakes
- Nov 16th and 28th - Hot Dog Day
- Nov 17th- Report Card
- Nov 20th- Book Fair Week Starts
- Nov 22nd-23rd Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov 27th-Dec 1st- Skating Week
- Nov 28th- Flower Pick up Day
- Nov 30th- Assembly @2:05

Mrs. Hill's Class

NEWS from October



Grade 3 Math: Daily practice of basic addition and subtraction facts was the start to each math class in October. The kids continued to use dice and card games to reinforce the skills of addition, subtraction and place value. Expander cards and dry

erase markers proved useful tools for reading and writing numbers up to 1 million. We also practiced increasing and decreasing patterns by colouring Mystery Pictures using the unknown pattern numbers. (see photo below)

Grade 3 Social Studies: We continued our look at what **Quality of Life** entails for us. Now, we are ready to look more deeply into the lives of people living in Peru.

Science: In our **Matter Unit**, we learned about physical and chemical changes that happen, through manufacturing, to raw materials (like producing paper, rubber, or other products we use). We also studied how the Indigenous people used trees and rocks in the past and how we can also use these natural materials today.

Grade 5 Math: Daily practice of basic addition and subtraction facts has been the start to each math class in October. Multiplication and division will be included in November. **Decimals** have been the focus this month.... comparing size, ordering greatest to least and least to greatest, adding, subtracting, and plotting locations on number lines. We reviewed increasing and decreasing patterns during the week leading up to Halloween by colouring Mystery Pictures using the unknown pattern numbers. We also played Light the Lamps, a Chromebook game that provided a “sums and differences” challenge with a *Halloweeny feel*.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

EVERYONE.....

And PLEASE, BE SAFE out there!





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Sunday, November 5th

A Halloween safety poster with a black background. At the top, the text "BE HALLOWEEN Safe" is written in large, white, stylized letters. Below the text, a cartoon dog firefighter in a yellow helmet and jacket is shown from the chest up, holding a large white sign. To the left of the dog, a group of children in various costumes (including a witch, a ghost, and a vampire) are holding bags of candy. The background is dark with a crescent moon and stars. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for SPARKY.ORG and the NFPA logo. In the bottom right corner, there is a list of safety tips.

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

For more fun stuff visit
SPARKY.ORG

NFPA
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Carry a flashlight.

Make sure your costume is safe:

- flame resistant
- short enough so you don't trip
- bright enough so drivers can see you

Trick-or-Treat in group with a grown-up.
Stay away from lighted candles.