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2Pf/2Sf Classroom Newsletter

Our grade two school year has gotten off to a good start! Here are a few extra notes to keep you up to date as to what is happening in October.

Science News

We are currently exploring magnetism in science. To culminate our unit, students will be putting on their scientific thinking caps and creating an at-home project involving magnets. They will present their projects to their respective classes on October 17th in the morning. After first recess, classes will be getting together to share their creations in a small "science fair". **Information regarding guidelines are in the document accompanying this newsletter. Projects are due October 17th in the morning.**



See attached Science Fair information

Mathematics Corner

In math we are continuing to work on number sense. You can help your child at home by continuing to count forward and backward in French by 1, 2, 5 and 10 to 100. There are also many ways to help relate addition and subtraction to the real world. For example:

- Give your child counting tasks, such as finding out how many shoes each member of the family has, then how many more one has than another.
- Play games that involve keeping score. Help add each score. Encourage your child to figure out a way to add the numbers as they get larger, and then ask him or her to "think out loud" about how to do it. You won't necessarily see the same strategy each time, which is okay. However, if the answer is unreasonable, ask if it makes sense and let him or her rethink it.
- Simplified card games, such as Rummy, and board games like Scrabble provide lots of practice. You can also use flashcards to build speed and accuracy.
- There are also many math games online. For example, your child can access our games set up through the Grade Two French weblinks on the school website.

Important Reminders

Our Hot Lunch program has begun and will run (mostly) on Thursdays. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help distribute the food!

C'est L'Halloween



Our classes will be celebrating Halloween on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 31st. **No costumes in the morning please.** If you like, you can plan to take your child home for lunch that day so you can help him or her get dressed; he or she can also get changed and ready at school immediately following lunch recess. Please ensure your child does not wear anything violent, gory or weapons-related. If your child is planning to decorate his or her face, please use face paint rather than masks. Also, ensure that costumes do not drag on the ground, as this can be a safety hazard. Alternatively, students can wear black and orange in lieu of a costume. Students can also bring board games to play in the afternoon during our party. If you have signed up to bring a snack for the party, you can drop it off right after lunch

Fieldtrips and Activities

The students will be enjoying a field trip this month. Hands-on-Science will be providing an in-school field trip on October 23. We look forward to exploring magnetism and are looking for volunteers for each class for these activities.

Upcoming Events

Orange Shirt Day

Monday, October 1

Early Dismissal

Wednesday, October 3 @ 12:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Assembly

October 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

Staff PD Day - NO CLASSES

Friday, October 5

Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 8

Science Projects and Fair

Tuesday, October 17

Parent-Teacher Conferences and Book Fair

October 17-18 @ 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Hands-On Science In-Class Fieldtrip

2PRf Tuesday October 23 @ 10:15-11:45 a.m.

2Sf Tuesday, October 23 @ 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Picture Retakes

October 23

Halloween Classroom Party

Wednesday, October 31 (p.m.)

Happy October!

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