

THE GRADE 3/4 MONTHLY MEMO

As we approach March break, I would like to wish each student and his/her family a safe and restful vacation. I am looking forward to hearing about each student's adventure when school resumes on Monday, March, 17th, 2014.



Literacy:

Our persuasive writing unit is underway and we have been doing many shared activities in class where students have been asked to work together to generate arguments about a variety of topics. Students have begun writing persuasive letters in their "At Home Literacy Folders," which I have been providing feedback on. In order to further support your child in this task, please have them continue to practice thinking and writing persuasively by choosing a side on an issue and generating arguments to support their opinion. In Reading, we are continuing to identify the points of view in texts and find evidence in the text to support our thinking. In Media Literacy, students will be analyzing advertisements in commercials to investigate their persuasive tactics.



Math:

We are nearing the end of our unit on Data Management. Upon returning from March break, we will begin two new units on Number Sense. Grade 3's will be learning to use the fractional names "half," "third" and "quarter." They will also be asked to multiply to 7×7 and divide to $49 \div 7$. Grade 4's will be asked to work with decimal numbers to tenths. They will compare and order fractions such as halves, thirds, fourths, fifths and tenths). They will also multiply to 9×9 and divide to $81 \div 9$.



Science:

Our science units are underway and students are having a great time with the experiments that they have been conducting in class on both Light & Sound and Forces.



Social Studies:

Both the grade 3's and 4's will be exploring new units at the end of this month. Grade 4's will be introduced to Canada's Provinces, Territories and Regions and Grade 3's will be introduced to Urban and Rural Communities.



Notes:

Thank you to all of the families who have been sending treats to school for our students to enjoy on various special occasions. Just a reminder that it is the York Region District School Board policy that *any* treats brought into the classroom for distribution to students, must be sealed in packaging that is clearly marked, "nut free." This is especially important in our class due to the severe nature of a number of our students' allergies.

The last day of school before March break is Thursday, March, 6th, 2014 (Friday, March, 7th is a P.A. Day).



Resources for Home:

<http://www.abcya.com>

<http://www.mathisfun.com>

<http://www.eqao.com>

<http://www.linktolearning.com>

<http://www.timeforkids.com>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

<http://teachingkidsnews.com/>

<http://ca.ixl.com/>

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