

## **THE GRADE 3/4 MONTHLY MEMO**

It's hard to believe that May is already here, summer is fast approaching ☺ As the warm weather begins to trickle in, it is important to remind your child about their goals for the year by reviewing and practicing their learning skills.

May is a busy month; we have many upcoming performances and testing. As a reminder, EQAO will be taking place from Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>.



### **Literacy:**

In Reading, we are focusing on forming critical thinking questions before, during and after reading. Students will be answering their questions using a variety of evidence and their own ideas. We will be determining and synthesizing important ideas, when reading non-fiction texts.

In Writing, we are nearing the end of our unit on Comparing and Contrasting. As always, thank you for encouraging your children to write in their "At Home Literacy Folders," as this provides many opportunities for your child to practice each form of writing and to receive feedback. Next, we will begin our unit on narrative writing, focusing on adventure stories. In this unit, students will focus on the elements of a story in order to develop an adventure story of their own that includes all of the details and features.

In Media, students have been analyzing commercials in order to identify conventions used in advertising and to determine whether each commercial has been designed with a persuasive or informative nature.



### **Math:**

We have recently launched our on Transformational Geometry, where students have been exploring rotations, translations, reflections and symmetry. Next, we will be exploring probability.



### **Science:**

Stay tuned for upcoming units on Plants & Soils (grade 3) and Rocks and Minerals (grade 4).



### **Social Studies:**

We are moving through our units on Provinces and Territories (grade 4) and Urban and Rural Communities (grade 3). Grade 4's will be comparing and contrasting provinces and territories and the communities within them, and grade 3's will be comparing and contrasting urban and rural communities.



### **Notes:**

As we look ahead to the warmer weather that Spring will bring, it is important to note that it is usually accompanied by a great deal of rain. Please ensure that your child brings both indoor and outdoor shoes to school each day, and has an extra pair of socks in their backpack.

**EQAO:** Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>. EQAO has developed a "Parents Guide to EQAO Tests" and "Questions and Answers for Parents" to give you information about assessments and an understanding of what to expect. To access these resources, go to the EQAO website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)) click "Parent Resources" and then select "Primary Division (grades 1-3)." It is recommended that appointments or activities not be booked during test writing dates, as it is difficult for students to catch up.

**Arts Night:** Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>

**WE Night:** Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Thank you for your continued support!**