

St. Leo's School – Grade 1/2

NOVEMBER NEWS



Monday, November 5th, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Curriculum Schedule for November:

Language

In language we will be continuing to work on daily shared reading activities, weekly word study, writing and literacy centres. In reading, we will continue to do some work with the *Go Map* to help in retelling main events of a story. We have also been learning about parts of speech and will continue to review nouns and verbs this month. The **Grade 2** students have been doing well with our *Writer's Workshop Program* and are learning to add more detail using the *Five W's* (Who, What, Where, Why and When). They are also learning how to use their *Writer's Checklist* to help in editing their own work. The **Grade 1** students are continuing to work on sentence development that includes proper writing conventions (e.g. upper case to start and proper punctuation). We will also be doing several activities this month to learn about the significance of Remembrance Day and how we can be peacemakers. Later this month, we will be starting letter writing and the students will be preparing a special letter to mail to Santa.

Math

In math, we will be continuing our unit on *Number Relationships*. Both grade levels will be exploring addition and subtraction using different strategies to solve. The **Grade 1** students will be adding and subtracting to the sum of 20. The **Grade 2** students will start to explore 2-digit addition and subtraction. We will also be exploring patterns in the hundreds chart. The **Grade 1** students will also be learning number words to 10.

Towards the end of the month, we will be starting our next unit on Measurement. In this unit, we will be focusing on time, temperature and the calendar year. The **Grade 2** students will be learning time to the hour, half hour and quarter hour. The **Grade 1** students will be learning time to the hour and half hour.

Social Studies/Science

In science, the **Grade 1** students are finishing up their unit on Energy in our Lives. The **Grade 2** students are finishing up their unit on States of Matter and Air and Water and will be having a science quiz on Thursday, November 22nd. Student science books and quiz outline will be sent home by November 15th.

Mid November, will be starting our Social Studies units: Changing Roles and Responsibilities (Grade 1) and Celebrations and Traditions (Grade 2).

Just a few notes:

*We will be starting our Roots of Empathy program this week with Mrs. Sheryl Puckering and welcome Baby Winston to our class. Baby Winston is helping us learn all about the importance of empathy and how to show love and kindness to one another.

*With the colder weather upon us, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for recess and that all outerwear is properly labelled.

*Progress Reports will go home this Friday, November 9th. If you requested an interview, your interview time will be in the envelope. Interview dates are scheduled for Thurs. Nov. 15th in the evening and Fri. Nov. 16th in the morning.

*Attached to this newsletter, I have also included an explanation of the Achievement Levels that are used to assess student achievement in all curriculum areas.

*Happy Birthday to some special friends in grade 1/2:

Lukas - November 1st

Colton - November 1st













Kylie- November 4th

Kinsleigh - November 27th

Partners In Education,
Mrs. Lisa Walden

Our Classroom Calendar for... **November 2018**

Mrs. Walden - Grade 1/2

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  4  |  5 Day 2 *Gym *Library |  6 Day 3 *Pizza Day *Roots of Empathy |  7 Day 4 *Gym | 1 Day 5 | 2 Day 1 | 3  |
| 11  | 12 Day 2 *Gym *Library | 13 Day 3 *Pizza Day | 14 Day 4 *Gym | 15 Day 5 *Subway *Parent Interviews in the evening. | 16 P.A Day *Parent Interviews in the morning. | 17  |
| 18  | 19 Day 1 | 20 Day 2 *Gym *Library *Pizza Day | 21 Day 3 | 22 Day 4 *Gym *Grade 2- Science Quiz *La Bottega | 23 Day 5 | 24  |
| 25  | 26 Day 1 | 27 Day 2 *Gym *Library *Pizza Day | 28 Day 3 | 29 Day 4 *Gym *Subway | 30 Day 5 |  |

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Upcoming Events:

Nov. 9th - Progress Reports go home
 Nov. 15th & 16th - Parent Interviews

Special Reminders:

Nov. 22 - Grade 2 Science Quiz *Science notebook and review sheet will be sent home by Nov. 15th.

The Ontario Curriculum Achievement Levels

The achievement levels are used to assess each student's achievement of the expectations outlined in the Ontario Curriculum.

Level 4(A) – works confidently, independently, with a thorough understanding and practically no errors. Student works above the provincial standard

Level 3(B) – works independently with a general understanding and a few minor errors. Student works at the provincial standard.

Level 2(C) – needs some assistance, has a limited understanding and several minor errors. Student works just below the provincial standard.

Level 1(D) – needs a lot of assistance, has a limited understanding and several major errors. Student works far below the provincial standard.