

OCTOBER

Language Arts: We have spent the last month working on building our stamina in Read to Self. We will continue to work in our guided reading groups focusing on reading comprehension. Library starts on Oct. 3 so the students will be bringing home library books to read. Please remind them to bring them back to school each Thursday. I am encouraging the students to get a chapter book as these type of books will strengthen their reading comprehension and broaden their choice of genres.



We are busy writing our Pet Turkey stories. The focus is on creativity, sentence punctuation and spelling. Once these are completed they will be marked and will be reported on Edsby. We will also write a Halloween story where the focus will be on descriptive writing.

Science: We have almost finished the first part of the Waste and Our World unit. The students have learned about plant and animal waste, how waste is recycled in nature, types of decomposers, red

wigglers, vermi-composting and growing mold. Please watch for your child's science duotang to come home on Oct. 9 with a study guide for them to use to study for a quiz on Oct. 17. It is important that as they prepare for the quiz that they review the material each evening. It is important that they develop study skills as they continue to journey through their learning.

We will be having a field trip to the Waste Management Center - the Landfill - on Tuesday, October 29. A form will be coming home in a couple of weeks giving times and asking for volunteers.

The second part of the Science unit focuses on how long it takes for things to be biodegradable, the difference between a dump and a landfill, reduce, reuse and recycle, and how to conserve water.



Religion: This month we will be focussing on the gifts from God that we are thankful for. We have just received our bibles so we will be opening the word and learning how to use the bible and find scripture passages.

Math: The students have been learning how to tell time digitally as well as using words like quarter past, half past, quarter to, etc. I have sent home a "time review" on these concepts. The students will be having their quiz on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The students will then learn how to tell time using the 24 hour clock (military time).

How to Tell Time

Step 1: Hour Hand

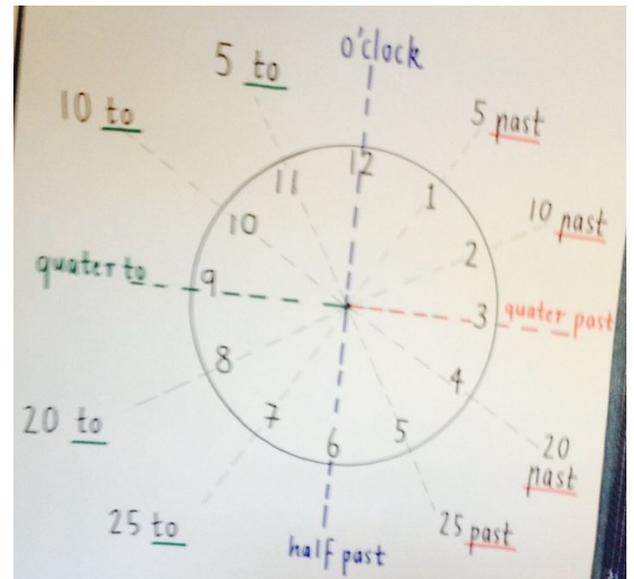
Look at the short hand.
Look at what number it has passed, then STOP.
Write that number.



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Step 2: Minute Hand

Look at the long hand.
Start at 12 then count by 5's.
Stop when you get to the minute hand.



How to tell time digitally

How to tell time using words



Social: We have been working hard to appreciate the different elements of geography. The students have learned how to label a compass rose with both cardinal and intermediate directions.

They have been learning about how to read and create maps to help deepen their understanding of geography. We even were able to work in small groups to map out our classroom! We will complete this unit very soon, culminating in a final assessment. Our next steps will be learning about the symbols that make our province unique.



Important Information:

1. On Friday, October 11 at 10:30, our class along with 3P will be responsible for the Thanksgiving Celebration. The students have brought home their parts to practice for the celebration. We will have several practices at school as well. All are welcome - hope to see you there.
2. We are collecting Food Bank items so if you would like to donate a food item please send it to school next week. Thank you.

Please check both your child's *agenda* in their folders, which they bring home each day, as well as *Edsby* for updates on classroom news and activities.



- ❑ October 7-28 -
Read-A-Thon fundraiser (forms come home on the 7th -
return by the 28th)
- ❑ October 11 - Thanksgiving Celebration at 10:30 at HFS gym
- ❑ October 14 - No School - Happy Thanksgiving
- ❑ October 15 - Landfill volunteer note came home
- ❑ October 16 - Math quiz
- ❑ October 17 - Science quiz
- ❑ October 29 - Landfill field trip
- ❑ October 31 - Halloween Read-A-Thon celebration dance