

October 2020 Newsletter Grade 2R



Dear Parents,
September has quickly passed and we are into a new and exciting month.
October will be another very busy time for our class.

Language Arts

Reading: A big thank you goes out to all of the wonderful parents in 2R who have been encouraging as well as listening to their children read their home reading book every night. Books from home can be read too. All reading is important. Your children tell me that you've been asking them lots of questions about their reading which is extremely important in building their comprehension skills. Thank you so much for that!

Working with Words: The following are the words for the month of October. We will be using them in our daily writing, creating sentences with them, and working on spelling them correctly. They are for your information only. If you wish to do extra activities with these words at home you are more than welcome to do so but it is not required.

Oct. 5 –8– little, make, before, two, four
Oct. 12– 16 – mother, where, very, could, were
Oct. 19 – 22 – who, when, them, because, from
Oct. 26 – Oct. 30 – one, with, five, their, what



Writing: The students are writing every day in their Journals. They are given the choice to write whatever they would like to write about. At times the children struggle with knowing what to write each day. **Discussing some ideas in the evenings before they go to bed or in the morning at breakfast will often help them to get started right away during our writing time.** Having a small book at home that they can write some ideas down when they think of them often helps as well. Thank you so much for helping them with this!

Math:

We are still working on having a good understanding of our numbers to 100. The students have done a very good job so far learning about terms like less than and more than and practicing the formation of numbers. We have really been focusing on skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's to 100. They will be learning how to skip count by 2 starting at 1! Extra practice at home always helps!



Science:

We are continuing to work on our **Exploring Liquids** unit. The students are really enjoying all of the experiments, demonstrations and exploration activities that we have been doing,





Social Studies:

We have almost finished our first unit on Mapping Skills and will be beginning a short unit entitled "What is a Community?" The students will learn and discuss our beautiful country and be introduced to the communities in Canada that we will be studying this year. Those communities are:

- Meteghan, Nova Scotia
- Iqaluit, Nunavut
- Saskatoon Saskatchewan

Scholastic Book Order

Scholastic is requiring all orders to be done by parents online. They ship directly to your home, however, they are now charging a shipping fee for all orders 35.00 and under. I have decided **NOT** to sign up for scholastic. If I hear from many of you that you are willing to pay for that shipping charge, I will look into signing up for it. Let me know through Edsby please. Thank you!



Halloween Celebration

We will be celebrating Halloween at school with a variety of activities on **Friday, October 30**. The students can **come to school dressed in their costumes**. Please ensure that the costumes are appropriate. Due to Covid we can not have any shared treats. Instead, please include an extra special treat in your child's lunch that day for them to have their own treat. Thank you for not sending any treats for the whole class this year!



School Photos

Our 2R school photos are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14**

Important Dates for October

October 9 - PD Day - No School

October 6 - Thanksgiving Liturgy in the classroom at 10:45am

October 12 - Thanksgiving Day - No School

October 14 - Picture Day

October 23 - PD Day - No School

Thank you all for making the first month of *Grade Two* an excellent one for your children. I feel truly blessed to be teaching such an awesome group of kids and am feeling very **THANKFUL** for all of the parent support!

God Bless,
Cathy Ratzlaff

