



Grade 4/5 Classroom News

THURSDAY January 28, 2021

Language Arts AND Classroom Update

This month we for Language Arts, within Daily 5 we focused on homophones, prefixes and suffixes. Spelling and grammar activities all involved students practicing these things. Students demonstrated a good understanding of how to use these items in their writing.

Within in writing, students have begun planning their narrative writing. We have spent some time examining and practicing techniques for writing entertaining beginnings. Throughout the month of February students will be writing their own narratives. They will pick the genre of their narratives, their characters, and the setting where the narrative takes place. Students are excited about writing these narratives, and have lots of creative ideas!

Just a reminder that, if possible, during the cold weather, students should be coming to school with warm outdoor clothes that they can wear at recess.

Grade 4 and 5 MATH UPDATE

In math this month, the grade 4's and 5's have continued working on multiplication and division. The grade 5's have shown a good understanding 3-digit by 1-digit multiplication, and 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication after plenty of practice. We have now moved onto long division, and the students are showing enthusiasm and willingness to continuing practicing equations.

The grade 4's have continued practicing their basic facts, and have begun basic division. They are showing a good understanding of both multiplication and division.

The grade 4's made and brought home a set of multiplication flash cards of basic facts 0-10. If possible, students should practice those facts 2-3 times a week. Practicing those facts will help greatly with current and future math learning.



IMPORTANT DATES!

PD Day - No School
January 29

Teacher's Convention -
No School
February 4 & 5

Family Day Long Weekend
February 15



Grade 4 Science Update

This month the grade 4's continued working on the "Wheels, Levers, and Gears" unit. Students examined and built their own pulleys and gear systems. For the final section of this unit students will examine and build levers. For levels students will build catapults using plastic spoons and rubber bands. After completing this unit, we will carry the knowledge of wheels, levers, pulleys, and gears to the next unit of "Building Devices that Move".