

## February News

Mrs. Adamo  
Grade 1 and 2

### Religion and Family Life

In our Religion theme, we seek to appreciate the many aspects of the earth as gift. We continue in this theme to develop the friendship, togetherness and caring that enable us to share with others what has been given as gift to us. In Family Life, we continue to explore the questions of what it means to be human. Each person is precious and is made in the image and likeness of God. We are family members, friends, neighbours, members of communities and participants in human society.

### Language

**Reading:** Our focus continues to be on developing comprehension skills. The students will be reading stories and making “inferences”. They will determine what information is given and what is hinted at. They will continue to make “text to self” and “text to text” connections when responding to open questions.

**Word Study:** The grade one’s will be working on the word families “im, ip, it” and on the high frequency words. The grade two’s will be working on “er in a word, sh and ch – at the beginning and end of a word.

**Writing:** The students will be working on letter writing. We will be following the letter writing format (e.g., correct punctuation, capitals in names and dates...) and communicating ideas effectively.

As part of Black History month the students will listen to a variety of African folktales and will respond to the lessons or morals taught.

**Home Journal:** The grade 1’s and 2’s will be taking a break from the Reading Log and in its place the students will have a Home Journal book. The first one will be due on Thursday February 18. The students can select what they want to write about (e.g., a movie that they watched, a game that they played...). The students are to write 2 entries each week. The work should be dated and the students should check to see that capitals and periods are in place. Grade 2’s should include a topic sentence, body and a closing sentence. Students should refer to the check list inside the front cover to help them self edit their work.

**Math:** In Mathematics the students are learning about Place Value. They will trade 10 ones for 1 ten, model 10’s and 1’s with place value material, represent 2-digit numbers in a variety of ways, add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number and subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number. Math words: digit, ones digit, tens digit. Students can review the strategies learned for adding one digit numbers. The Nelson Mathematics website offers additional activities for children.

**Science:** The new grade 1 science unit is Structures. In this unit the students will identify geometric shapes in common structures and identify the functions of different structures. The grade 2's will begin their unit on Movement. They will learn about the six simple machines, how various surfaces effect movement and how different heights of a ramp can have an effect on how far an object moves.

**Planner:** Please sign the student planner each day. If you have any questions or concerns please write a note inside with a phone number and the best time of the day that you can be reached.

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