

## November News

**Mrs. Adamo**

### **Grade 1 and 2**

#### **Religion and Family Life**

In Religion the students will celebrate the Bible as the Word of God. In Family Life the theme is "Living in Relationship". We are created to live in the relationship with others and to respond to each other with love. We will talk about the uniqueness of each family, explore signs of love in our families and the relationships between brothers and sisters.

#### **Language**

**Reading:** The students will be using read a louds to help them in the re-telling of stories. They will also reading short stories to practice various reading strategies taught in class. Next, they will be learning how to respond to questions using answer/proof and extend format to enhance their understanding of text.

**Word Study:** The students will continue to review letter sounds and combinations. The grade 1's will be using weekly word families to practice blending sounds and will be working with high frequency words that students should know how to read and spell in grade 1. The grade 2's will learn strategies of spelling words in their weekly spelling lessons and the rules for long vowels.

**Writing:** The grade1 students continue to work on sentence structure. In their writing we are looking for simple but complete sentences, that there is a period at the end of the sentence and that there are spaces between words. The grade 2 students continue to learn about the structure a paragraph (title, topic sentence, supporting sentences and a closing sentence). Teacher modeling is used for this and students help generate a class paragraph based on an event that has taken place at school or an item that it in the classroom.

**Reading Log:** We will continue with the weekly Reading Log. As a next step students are encouraged to provide further detail in their responses. For example, in the heading of "Favourite Part of Book" students can expand and provide a reason for selecting a particular part of a story.

**Math:** In "Data Management" the students have been learning about different types of graphs (sorting circles/venn diagrams, pictographs and bar graphs). They have been conducting surveys, recording their results, displaying their data and telling what they learned from their survey. The parent letter for the next math unit "Addition and Subtraction Strategies" will be sent home when we begin the unit. It will include parent suggestions for home activities. The students will show addition and subtraction facts to 20, use counting on and counting back to solve problems and use known facts (e.g., doubles) to find unknown facts. Attached to it will be a set of strategies that students can practice to help them add single digit numbers more quickly so the process becomes more automatic.

**Science:** The grade 1's will be concluding their unit on Living Things. The grade 2's will be finishing off their unit on Animals. The grade 2's will have a unit quiz. A date and study guide will be provided in the student planner.

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.

Thank you for your continued support!