



GRADE 3 FI NEWS

What's happening in Grade 3 ?

Bonjour parent(s) ! I would like to start by wishing you all the very best for the New Year! I hope that 2017 will be full of health and happiness.

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday! I have enjoyed hearing about students' most memorable moment over the break!

We are heading into our second module of the Grade 3 French Immersion Program which consists of integrated units in Health, Social Studies and Science.

'What we do to be healthy' is the topic of our integrated unit this month.

This health unit is taught during our French Language Arts time, therefore we are not only covering our health outcomes but also our French Lan-

guage Arts outcomes. Discussion will focus on healthy eating habits, exercise, rest and safety.

Speaking in French among peers, as well as with me, gives students the chance to enrich their vocabulary, practice structures learned, 'think' in French and above all, be more confident and comfortable is using their second language.

To instill this in our class, **students are currently participating in an incentive program for speaking in French among peers.** Feel free to ask them about their 'carte Bravo' for further information and to start a discussion about the importance of speaking in French with fellow classmates.

In English, we will be

working on writing a personal narrative. We will be sharing multiple examples of this genre of writing and discussing what we need to write a good story. (a strong introduction to capture the reader's attention, a strong finish...)



MATH OUTCOMES

In math, we will continue our focus on mental math strategies for understanding and **mastering basic addition and subtraction facts for homework to be ready for our timed minute test on Fridays.**

We are shifting our focus to Shape and Space. Students will be learning how to **identify and describe 2-D and 3-D objects** (sides, faces, edges and vertices). We will also **sort regular and irregular polygons** according to their attributes.



Library day is Friday

Gym periods are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Music periods are Tuesday and Friday.

We often see more snow, rain, wind, and everything in between during this season. Since students can spend a total of 70 minutes outside at school (before school and at recesses), **students should dress appropriately for the weather.** There is no harm in having an extra pair of socks, mitts, tuque and sweater in their backpack.

From time to time, our class will head outside for activities and build on lessons in class. For this reason, **I please ask that students ALWAYS come prepared for the winter weather which includes a warm coat, snowpants, hats, mitts and boots.**