



March 2016

## Class 3-2 Newsletter

### Where We're Going

Students have been focusing on both Multiplication and Motion Geometry in math. We'll wrap up Motion Geometry (describing movement on a grid, flips, turns, and slides) before March Break and continue Multiplication and Division after the break. Students will be expected to multiply up to  $7 \times 7$  and divide up to  $49 \div 7$ , so your child will certainly benefit from extra practice at home.

Students have been enjoying our new writing unit – adventure stories. They are currently writing about stories that include their robots and will start to develop their own ideas, including a beginning, middle, and end, a problem and solution, a hook to grab the reader's attention, and dialogue.

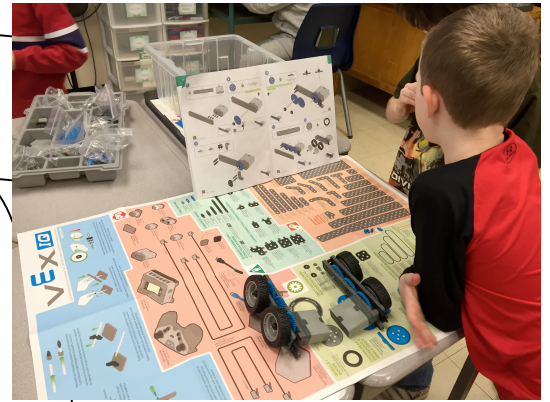
With all of our work on robotics lately, we've put Science and Social Studies on hold. Our next Social Studies unit will look at Communities in Canada from 1780-1850. We'll begin after March Break by looking at some Aboriginal Tribes that were in Upper Canada during this time, then moving on to various settler groups. It's interesting to talk to your child about when your family first arrived in Canada, where they came from, and why they decided to come.

We won't start our next Science unit until the Spring, since we'll want to collect samples and be outside for both Soils and Plants.

I check agendas every day. Please keep an eye on your child's agenda, as important reminders are written in it daily.

And as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through your child's agenda, email, or by calling the school @ 519-853-3800.

Mr. Brodie



We were very lucky to be selected by the school board to receive robotics kits for MSB. Along with a grade 2 class, we are excited to be using robotics in class to practice collaboration and problem solving. Students have been practicing the engineering design process (think-do-test) and it is so great to see them starting to look at mistakes and challenges as something that they can solve instead of something that will prevent them from completing a task. We've also been integrating the robotics into math (Multiplication and Motion Geometry) and language (writing narratives about our robots). We will continue to explore the capabilities of our robotics throughout the year, integrating it into our learning where possible.

## Important Dates

March 14 – 18: March Break Holiday  
March 25: Good Friday Holiday  
March 28: Easter Monday Holiday

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*"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."*  
- Albert Einstein