

April 2016



Class 3-2 Newsletter

Where We're Going

We have continued to explore various multiplication strategies in math class. Some examples are skip counting, repeated addition, doubling, and combinations, such as skip counting/doubling. We will continue to expand our strategies using real-life contexts before transitioning into division.

In Language we have been writing narratives. Students have just received feedback on their most recent writing and each student now has three writing goals that they'll work towards over the course of the unit.

We've been making connections while reading picture books and our read aloud, *The Tale of Desperaux*. This is a fun adventure story that provides many opportunities for us to make connections, strengthening our comprehension of the text.

We've been learning about two different Aboriginal tribes in Social Studies, the Wendat and the Anishinabe. We'll start to look at various settlers and compare their way of life, including roles and challenges, to life today.

In late April, we will start our next Science unit, *Soils in the Environment*. We'll kick start this unit by hosting a scientist in our classroom who will introduce us to soil types, uses, composition, and characteristics.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to attending Halton Skills on April 5th. Students will have an opportunity to present the work they've been doing with robotics for the last two months. It will also be fun to explore the skills that students in the older grades are presenting.

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

Multiplication Karate

Students have been earning Karate belts as they master different multiplication facts. Will you achieve your black belt? Which fact are you currently practicing?



Chess Club started a few weeks ago. We meet in the library every Wednesday during 2nd nutrition break. Our class consists of the youngest members, but they're learning quickly. Is your child interested in joining?



Important Dates

- April 5: Halton Skills Field Trip
- April 8: P.D. Day
- April 22: P.D. Day
- April 28: Scientists in the School

Classroom Website

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Check out some pictures and a video of us using our robotics in class

Absence phone line (24 hour):

1-877-409-6310

Education Quote of the Month

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. ~Winston Churchill