



May 2016

Class 3-2 Newsletter

Home Reading Challenge

At the beginning of April students were challenged to read 1000 minutes by June 10th (1000 minutes in 10 weeks). Are you on track to meeting the goal?

Looking Ahead: May

Students are starting to work on a Non-Fiction Book Talk in class. After reading a non-fiction book at their level, they will conduct a short presentation explaining the purpose of various text features and how they help readers to understand and explore information.

We're continuing to explore life in 1780-1850 by looking at different settler groups, exploring our own pasts, and making connections between life then and now.

We've started to explore Soil in Science with the visit of a Scientist in our school last week. This unit will quickly transition into Plants. We've started to grow some different flowers and vegetables in our classroom, courtesy of the Acton Community Garden.

We'll be exploring Length, Perimeter, and Area as well as Number and Geometric Patterns this month. To extend learning at home, students could practice using a ruler, estimating and then checking various distances, and find patterns around their homes.

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

Scholastic

Online payments are now available for Scholastic.

Simply search for our school and my name on the scholastic site, make your payment online, and have your child submit the paper order to me.

Fidget toys we made from balloons and flour.

Unfortunately, many of them exploded.



Important Dates

May 2: Doon Heritage Village Field Trip

May 8: Mother's Day

May 23: Victoria Day holiday

May 25-27: EQAO

EQAO

Students will write the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessment over the course of 3 days at the end of May. The assessment will focus on writing, reading, and math.

We will be talking about the assessment in class, discussing test-taking strategies, and quelling fears. It is my hope that students will not put pressure on themselves. I certainly won't.

Absence phone line (24 hour):
1-877-409-6310

Classroom Website

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More information on EQAO, including sample tests from previous years, can be found on our classroom website.

Education Quote of the Month

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.
~Mary Anne Radmacher