

# January Newsletter

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and I wish you all the best for 2012. We have a few exciting activities coming up. First we will be starting speeches in language, next a mock election in social studies, a skating day on January and the much awaited trip to Medieval Times in February! A permission form will be sent home shortly.

We have started several new units this week. First, in language arts, we will be working on our speeches. Students will review the skills necessary to write and present a speech. Speeches will be presented at the beginning of February. Our focus during reading will be inferring and visualization. They will be identifying methods the author used to help the reader picture the events occurring in the story. In writing, we will be working on descriptive language and procedural writing.

In **mathematics**, we have completed our unit on measurement and we will be having Math Club sessions this week in the mornings. The next unit will be addition and subtraction unit. A test will be given in the middle of the month.

In **social studies**, students will be making a political party to organize a Canada Flag Day celebration. Students will create a platform, budget and short speech to outline their goals.

The Grade 5 students will continue to study the conservation of energy. Grade 6 students will be focusing on electricity in **science**. Students will be completing experiments, movie reviews and textbook activities. The unit test will be given at the end of the month.

In visual art students have been studying the artist Charley Harper. An artist who enjoyed creating scenes from nature in a whimsical and humorous way. He focused on shapes and colour rather than fur and feathers.

In **physical education**, we are finishing scooter skills and will be starting gymnastics. As well, we will have a mini competition to see who represents our class in the Knight's of Columbus Free Throw challenge.

Report cards will be sent home at the end of the month. There should be no surprises but if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask.

Happy New Year,  
Miss Flynn