



It was great to have a chance to meet so many parents at the open house last month. It was unfortunate about the rain but at least we did a chance to chat. Thank you very much for reviewing your child's agenda and signing it. This routine helps students develop strong organizational habits right from the start of the year

We have just completed our first unit in **mathematics** on Numeration. Students will be asked to have all tests signed and returned. As well students who do not achieve at least a B-average on the test, will have the opportunity to join Math Club. Math Club will be available during the week following all tests. It will usually be held at 8:30-8:50 or during first fitness break. Students must attend at least three sessions to be permitted to rewrite the test. Our next unit will be patterning. Students will be busy building, modelling, expanding and creating patterns. We will have a test in the middle of the month. At the end of the month, we will be starting our unit on Data Management. Students are encouraged to visit the Nelson website to review these concepts. We have had a chance to work on this site during computers so students should be comfortable accessing this site at home.

In **language**, students have completed their autobiographies. The due date for the autobiographies was October 3rd. Students will continue to read a variety of nonfiction pieces. We will begin language centres next week. These centres will consist of reading to self, reading with a partner, read with the teacher, working with words and writing. Students will work independently to complete these activities. A Working with Words quiz will be administered after two weeks. In oral language, we are presenting our newspaper article summaries. Students will read newspaper articles and they are assigned one day a week to make a presentation.

In **social studies** we will continue to focus on Government in Grade 5 and Canada's Trading Partners in Grade 6. Students will have daily activities to complete. We will be focussing on symbols of Canada(Grade5) and America(Grade 6). Afterwards student will have to research and present a biography of a famous leader. Grade 6 students will present a biography summary of a world leader or past American President and the Grade 5 students will present a biography of a Canadian Prime Minister. Presentations will be preformed the last week of October.

Students are very engaged in the many experiments they are doing in **science**. Grade 5 is studying Matter and Grade 6 is studying Diversity of Living. We have an opportunity to experience some hands on activities at St. John's Outdoor Education Center. We are looking for a few parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip. If you are interested, please keep October 28th available.

In **health**, students will be studying safety rules and in **gym**, students are completing a unit on Rudaball (a variation of European handball) and will be starting volleyball towards the middle of the month. Tryouts for the Junior Volleyball teams will begin shortly after Thanksgiving weekend. Cross Country team completed their second meet this week and the Soccer Teams had a very successful tournament. We are proud of all our athletes.

The Grade 5/6 students should be commended for their very hard work promoting the Terry Fox Walk at our school. We were able to raise over \$1500 for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. A special congratulations to Sara H. For collecting the greatest number of donations for our school and helping our class raise the most money in our school. All students were rewarded for their great team work with a delicious Ice Cream Party.

On Friday October 14th, our class will meet for Breakfast Club to develop on our social skills and focus on the people and things we are grateful for having in our lives. Every second month, we will meet for Breakfast Club. Any contributions, such as juice or fruit, would be greatly appreciate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,
Miss Flynn

