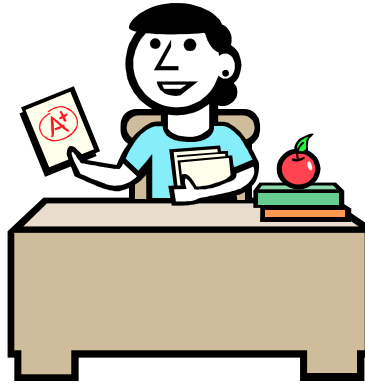


GRADE 3 AND 4

May Newsletter

THANK YOU FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK SURPRISES



I would like to thank all of those involved in organising the surprise breakfast on Monday. What a super surprise! All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved impeccably. I certainly felt special with all the kind gifts and attention coming my way and I am eagerly looking forward to the rest of the weeks treats. I feel very lucky to have such a lovely class and supportive parents. This is a wonderful school with a great staff too. It is so nice to feel appreciated - Thank you.

THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD

The class is thoroughly enjoying reading 'The Indian in the Cupboard' by Lynne Reid Banks. Last week we learnt some information about the Iroquois Indians mentioned in the book and I have included some websites that you might like to explore at home:

Information about Iroquois Indians:

<http://ccins.camosun.bc.ca/~conklin/pages/martin/html/iroquois.htm>

<http://www.mce.k12tn.net/indians/reports1/iroquois.htm>

<http://www.carnegiemuseums.org/cmnh/exhibits/north-south-east-west/iroquois/>

Wordsearch at :

<http://www.kidsreads.com/wordscrambles/word-indian.asp>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Many happy returns to Josh, who shares his 10th birthday with Ashelle in Grade 5 on the 16th and to Jade who turns 9 on the 25th.

READING RECORD RECORDS

Well done to all of you who are filling in your new reading records so diligently. We have some very avid readers breaking new records each week. Last months top readers who read over the minimum 400 minutes were:

Coral: 972 minutes

Josh: 670 minutes

Sarah: 593 minutes

Megan: 542 minutes

Etosha: 425 minutes

Kandance: 410 minutes

(1 merit to each of you!)

Please make reading a priority in your household this month so that we can see everyone achieving at least 400 minutes this month. Remember to monitor the time closely and see that each entry is signed by an adult or parent. You may help your child complete the entry, if you like.



IN THE MEDIA

We congratulate Josh on his recent television interview performance on WIV Channel 4. Josh, who is the youngest hockey player to represent the Turks and Caicos, is playing later this month in Detroit, USA and was interviewed along with other team members and his coaches.



Josh's interview also fits in well with one of our Citizenship topics this term—In the media. The children have been looking at world news events through the BBC Newsround site—a site especially written for young people. Please encourage your child to explore this site at home - There are news articles, quizzes, survey poles and comment pages. The content of some articles is aimed at slightly older children and you may want to select appropriate stories together with your child.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/world/default.stm>

We will also be looking at local news and any papers that you could save and pass on to us would be most gratefully received. Also, come and see Mr. Michael's news display in the Dolphin room relating to local, regional and international news.

SWIMMING

Swimming starts Tuesday 3rd May. The children will be assessed and grouped according to needs in the first session. Please ensure that your child brings a towel, sunscreen (though preferably this should be applied at home beforehand) and their school uniform clothes.



SPEED MATH



Remember to keep practicing the times tables at home for our speed tests. We have beaten the 10 and 7 1/2 minute time limits and we are only waiting for a couple of children to beat the 5 minute mark, so that the class can each earn our next merit. Luis currently holds the Grade 4 record at 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Kandace holds the Grade 3 record at 3 minutes and 24 seconds.

MISS BONNIE AND MR. JOEL.

Miss Bonnie and Mr. Joel arrive at the end of the month and will be working with the children during the month of June. I know that the class is very excited about seeing them both again. For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting them, I'm sure you will hear about them as soon as your children have met them. They are truly wonderful people and we look forward to their arrival.

LIP-COMING TRIPS

Chuck Davis: The children will be visiting the sports centre to see a Chuck Davis drumming workshop on the Wednesday 4th May at 10.15AM. This has been kindly organized by The TCFAF.



<http://www.africanamericandanceensemble.org/aadabou.html>

Sloop field trip: A field trip to The Market place to see a local sloop being built has been organized for this Thursday. Please return the permission form, stating whether you can help with transport to school, a.s.a.p.



<http://www.timespub.tc/Culture/Archive/Winter%20200405/boatbuilding.htm>