



Grade 5 Newsletter October 2018

CURRICULUM CORNER



MESSAGE FROM TEACHERS

Thank you to all of the families who were able to come to our Open House in September. It was wonderful to meet all of the parents of our fabulous students. Remember to sign up for a conference if you haven't already. This is a time to discuss the progress your child is making and to create goals for your child's year. We appreciate your willingness to meet with us.

Students will begin their Safety Patrol duties later this month. Each of the students who have been given the responsibility of patrol should try their best to do the job the way it is expected. If your child is not a safety patrol and wants to be, Ms. Benecio expects all students to follow our core values of Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful in order to be offered a patrol belt. Also, all classwork and homework must be done in order to earn a patrol belt. The next round of patrol opportunities will begin in late December.

Thank you to all the families who donated tissues, Band-Aids and other school supplies to our classroom. We go through these at a rapid pace and appreciate your help with keeping our cabinets full of these important health aides.

As the weather gets colder, please remind your children that coats are required for outdoor recess. They can always take it off if they work up a sweat, but they can't go out if they don't have a coat. Thanks!

Language Arts:

In writing we are working on becoming better interpreters of our reading texts. Each student is reading a piece of complex literature and responding to the theme, plot, characters and setting. We are also writing about the perspectives of the characters and learning how to analyze a text closely for important details to support our ideas.

In reading we are working on becoming better readers by closely examining the details of a text and trying to interpret the meaning. Students are forming ideas about theme, character motivation and perspective and examining the ways in which the author conveys these ideas. We have also started our interpretation book clubs in which students meet with others to discuss and interpret the different literary elements of their stories.

Math:

In math students are learning how to solve problems involving decimal operations. Students have been ordering, comparing, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. This work will help them in the upcoming months when our mathematical problem solving includes fractions as well as decimals.

Our next unit is multiplying and dividing whole number values which will give us practice in problem solving in order to apply those skills to our fractions unit.

IB Units:

In our current unit, **Where We are in Place and Time**, students are investigating how exploration impacts different cultures. They learned about the perspective of the natives who already inhabited Mexico and South America and the conflict and changes that occurred when the European explorers arrived.



OCTOBER 18, 25 AND NOVEMBER 1:
CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 8: EVENING CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 6: NO SCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND VOTING DAY!

NOVEMBER 12: NO SCHOOL, VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 21: THANKGIVING EARLY RELEASE

Shout Outs!

For all the Families that came to Open House... We had more than 50 families from grade 5 come to the open house. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and see the work your children are doing at school.

To All of Grade 5

We recently had our first Global Gathering of the year. The fifth graders showed the rest of the school what it meant to be role models. They were Safe with their behavior, Responsible with their listening and Respectful to the presenters.



October Challenges:

Use our vocabulary in your daily life.

Explore new ideas, take an **expedition** to a new place, **conquer** a new problem, be **motivated** in your learning and trying of new things.

Find examples of how we use decimals in our daily lives. Where are we using the most decimals? What jobs or professions need decimals to do their work?

Think about someone else's perspective. The next time you have conflict with a sibling or a parents, try to see the issue from their point of view.

This month's WOW word is **risk taking**. Make a list of ways in which you could take a learning risk in your life and then try to add on more.

