

Grade 4 Gazette

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Language News

Adventure Stories...

In Language this month, students will be reading and investigating the elements of adventure stories (plot, setting, characters, problems/solutions, excitement, etc.). In addition, students are learning about writing strategies to effectively capture the reader's interest by using similes (comparing objects using "like" or "as") and by utilizing effectively sensory words. Students will also start to use dialogue between characters in their writing using quotation marks appropriately. Other grammatical elements such as apostrophes to show possession (Jim's dog), adverbs, adjectives and conjunctions (joining sentences), subject and predicates will also be addressed. Students will also plan (with the use of a story map), write and edit an exciting adventure story.



Math...

In Math this month, we will be further developing our Multiplication and Division skills and using these facts to solve everyday problems. Please work **each night** to memorize facts so they become automatic. By the end of Grade 4, students are expected to know multiplication facts up to 10×10 . Skip counting by various numbers will also be developed (6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36...) to be used as a strategy when solving problems. 2 great websites with some cool games to develop these skills is:



www.multiplication.com/interactive_games.htm
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/math/times-table/interactive.htm

Or...do a Google search of "multiplication activities" or "multiplication games" for others!

Science...

Our focus this month will be a unit on Pulleys and Gears. In this unit, students will demonstrate an understanding about the function and characteristics of various styles of pulleys and gears (in one plane and two planes). They will also recognize pulleys and gears in their lives. Using hands-on activities, students will see how using a pulley or gear system allows for mechanical advantage.



Swimming...

Just a reminder that for the month of February, we will be going swimming each Friday at West Park as part of our Gym class. Please make sure your child has a bathing suit and towel for each Friday. Also, a toque would be beneficial as we board the bus immediately after the pool and frozen hair is not a good thing!



From the Gym...

This month in Gym we will be working on our basketball skills. Proper dribbling, passing and shooting activities will be the focus. Please ensure that your child is properly dressed and has appropriate footwear for Gym...we have Gym on odd days of the cycle (1,3,5,7,9).



Happy Birthday To...

Dylan Hughes & Isaiah Bell...Feb. 20th

