

# Grade One Classroom Newsletter January 25 - 29, 2021



At MCS, we are focusing on the IB Attribute of **Principled** this month.

## This Week in Grade One

**Monday** – Researching the Arctic Fox this week.

**Literacy Week** – Wear red clothes – We are well READ!

**Tuesday** – Literacy Week – Wear sunglasses and bright colours – Reading makes you BRIGHT!

**Wednesday** – Library

**Literacy Week** – Wear wild prints - WILD about Reading!

**Thursday** – Literacy Week – Wear hats – HATS off to Reading! And Bell Let's Talk

**Friday** – Literacy Week – Wear Sports jersey or MCS swag – Be a FAN of Reading!

### Upcoming Events:

February 15 – 19 Family Week Break for students.

## Student of the Week

When your child is star, please email me a picture of him/her and 5 - 10 pictures about him/her. The following things are ideas that you could email me: My Family, My Pets, Where I Was Born, My Favourite Colour, My Favourite Book, My Favourite Thing to Do, My Favourite Food, My Favourite Toy. These items will be put up on the smart board for your child to talk about. We will have star of the week time in the mornings. The children love to tell stories about their lives.

January 25 – Lincoln

February 1 – Hawkley

February 8 – Zac

February 22 – Priya

## Unit of Inquiry

**Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet**

**Central Idea:** Human choices affect the earth.

### Lines of Inquiry:

- Needs of animals
- Human responsibility

**Key Concepts:** Causation, Connection, and Responsibility

**Learner Profile:** Inquirer, Knowledgeable, and Principled

**Approaches to Learning:** Communication and Research

## Classroom News

This will be a fun week with lots of literacy activities in the school. Children are encouraged to participate in the dress up aspect of the week. We will continue to read some Eric Carle books as well.

In our Unit of Inquiry this week, we will be focusing our time on researching Arctic Foxes and Narwhals. We will look at their appearance and physical adaptations to survive in the Arctic. We will inquire into their diet, enemies, and life cycle.

In Numeracy, we will continue practicing addition to 20 and subtraction from 20. We will focus on math families ( $3+9=12$ ,  $9+3=12$ ,  $12-9=3$ ,  $12-3=9$ ).

Valentine's Day is approaching. I will send home a list of all the children in the class so your child can write a valentine for each child. We ask that the valentines be sent by Wednesday, February 10, so they can quarantine before being sent home on February 12. Please no edible products, as per FSD current Covid19 protocol.



**Literacy:** Read a good book and write your own story in the same pattern as the book.

**Numeracy:** Play "War" with a deck of cards. This game helps your child quickly identify the greater or least value of the two cards.

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