

Grade One Classroom Newsletter October 19, 2020

Unit of Inquiry

This Week in Grade One

Monday – Fall Holidays and Traditions
- Practice printing and reading the letter “t” in sentences.

Tuesday – Assessment of Plants, Animals and People in the Fall
- Practice printing and reading the letter “u” in sentences.

Wednesday – Mrs. Orme away. Ms. Carsen will be our guest teacher.
- Writing about Fall

- Library – please return books
- Practice printing and reading the letter “v” in sentences.

- **Meet the Teacher Night** – 6 – 7 pm in Google Meet

Thursday – New Unit of Inquiry
- Practice printing and reading the letter “w” in sentences.

Friday – Art

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.

October 18 – Vikki

November 2 – Stavros

November 15 - Finn

November 30 - Bowen

Theme: How We Express Ourselves

Central Idea: Celebrations and traditions build a sense of belonging.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Meaning of celebrations and traditions
- Personal celebrations and traditions
- Similarities and differences

Approaches to Learning: Communication and Social

Key Concepts: Causation, Change and Connection

Learner Profile: Communicator, Open-minded and Reflective

Classroom News

Meet the Teacher – I would like to invite you to join me on Google Meet, on Wednesday, October 21 from 6 – 7pm. I will show a short video of our classroom and chat with you about some of the things happening in the classroom this year. It will also be a time to answer questions about procedures in the school and class. If you have more than one child in the school division, please confirm that you are logged in with your Grade One child's Google account and not any other person's Google account. Login with your child's FSD email address, go Google classroom, and click on the meeting link that is on the top left hand corner. This is not a time to chat about individual learning needs. If you have any concerns about your child, please send me an email and we can set up a private phone call.

We will finish our inquiry into Fall this week. We will begin our new Unit of Inquiry as described in the section above. We will do study of books written by Robert Munsch. We will inquire into our family celebrations and traditions, and traditions around the world.

We will begin work on a book called, *Paddling the River*, which focuses on Counting, Comparing, and Ordering to 20 and Composing and Decomposing to 20. You can try this activity at home with your child: Reading the Story (it is in Google Classroom under Week of Oct. 19 – 23). As you read the story, enjoy counting the animals to confirm how many each character sees and work out the total number. You can also keep count of the number of animals following the canoe. After you read, you might use small objects (coins, buttons) to re-create some of the different animal sightings.



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