



November

Ms. Howe Grade 1 / 2

Hard to believe we are into our third month already! Our class has been working very hard and we are learning new things everyday!

My Friday Book

Thank you so much for taking the time with your children to complete their homework on a weekly basis. The worksheets are meant to reinforce what each grade is learning in class. Please continue to read with your children on a daily basis. After reading, please ask your child to make connections, retell and sequence the events in the story. By practising these strategies, your child will gain a deeper understanding for what they have read.

Spelling Words

Each week your child is given new words for the week, which they will print in their agenda each Monday. Spelling tests take place every Friday of that same week. Here are some fun suggestions that may help you when working with your children throughout the week....

- 1) Paper and Pencil (ask to spell words in printed form or write sentences)
- 2) Back Tracer (have child trace letters on your back while saying letters out loud)
- 3) Cheer and Chant (say each letter, and say the word at the end)
- 4) Pencil or Ruler Tap (tap each letter of the word on a table)
- 5) Magic Pencil (printing words in the air using pointer finger)

Curriculum Focus

Language

Our reading groups are working on MAKING CONNECTIONS when reading stories. **What does this mean?** Good readers use their personal experiences, knowledge of the world and previously read books to help them understand what they are reading. Encourage your child to think about what the book reminds them of; what the book is the same as; what they have once done, and what the story makes them think of.

Math

Grade 1 & 2: addition and subtraction

Science

Grade 1: Needs and Characteristics of Living Things

Grade 2: Understanding Life Systems- Growth and Changes in Animals

Something our class is looking forward to....

Our class has been enjoying reading the "Flat Stanley" series, by Jeff Brown. In the story, a young boy gets flattened by a bulletin board (without being hurt) and is able to travel by slipping himself inside an envelope. To celebrate, we have made our own "flat travelers" that will also travel around the World. Please think of a family member or friend that would be excited to take part in this class activity with us. A note will be sent home soon, further explaining the details for this activity.

Remembrance Day (Friday November 11th, 2011)

Our class has been working hard trying to memorize a short poem which they will recite at our Remembrance Day Service. I have attached a copy of the poem so they may continue to practise it at home.

Poppy



Poppy we are but children small,
We are too little to do it all.

Children you may do your part.
Love each other is how you start.

Play without fighting.
Share your games and toys.
Be kind and thoughtful,
To all girls and boys.