

# Term 1 Newsletter - September 2011 - Grade 4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our year is off to a great start. I am so pleased and excited to be teaching Grade 4, and am looking forward to a super year. We have many interesting and challenging units ahead of us. Aside of the curriculum units, I will be encouraging students to continue to be active and aware of healthy choices, as well as being aware of the environment.

At Jacob Beam, we are continuing to focus on keeping communication “open” (students, parents and/or guardians). The main avenue of communication will be via our agendas. I will be signing all agendas everyday and writing comments in student’s agendas when needed. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could sign their child’s agenda on a daily basis. I do expect all students to have their agendas with them everyday.

In the classroom;

- We have already started “Conservation of Energy” in science. I am really looking forward to teaching this unit as I always like teaching and discussing ways to help the environment. This will be a very fun and informative unit.
- In math we will be working with numbers (such as number patterns, adding & subtracting, multiplying & dividing), as well as studying geometry (angles, quadrilaterals), and data (graphs, surveys)
- For Social Studies, we will begin the year studying Canada’s Provinces and Territories, as well as the Provincial and Federal governments.
- Our Language Arts program will be focussing on the many aspects of literacy. These include read-alouds, working with words, novel studies, reading (independent, shared, guided and self selected) and writer’s workshop.
- In phys. ed and health we will be working on endurance, soccer, volleyball and healthy choices. \*Please ensure your child comes prepared for phys. ed, with proper athletic shorts and a t-shirt. All students are expected to have a pair of athletic shoes (and socks!) here everyday as we will be continuing our D.P.A. (Daily Physical Activity) program on the days without gym classes\*

A timetable will be glued into each student’s agenda. This informs all students, parents and guardians of gym classes, library periods, etc..

Thanks for all your hard work at home.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Chuchman