

End of the First Semester Meeting Welcome First Grade Parents!



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Semester 1 Academics

Language Arts

- Cornerstone textbook:
 - Changes
 - Communities
 - Traditions
- Reading
 - Phonics, Sight words and Story Words, Inferences,
- Grammar
 - Be verb + contraction, Can + verb, Simple Present, Verbs + ing, Pronouns, Possessives, Will + Verb, Nouns & adjectives, Simple present
- Writing
 - Writing a letter to a friend/family member and talking about your day at school. Writing a description of yourself using adjectives
- Speaking
 - Animal Research Project
 - Letter Writing
- Novel Study
 - Gustavo the Shy Ghost (Halloween)
 - 'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving (Thanksgiving)

Social Studies

- What Makes Me “Me”
- Special People
- Showing Respect
- My Changing Roles
- My Changing Responsibilities
- Our Interactions with Others
- Helping Others
- Community Workers

Art

- Pablo Picasso
- Andy Warhol
- Claude Monet
- Keith Haring
- Holiday Crafts
(Thanksgiving, Christmas & Halloween)

Science

- Senses
- Plants
- Energy in our Lives
- Renewable/Non-renewable energy

Math

- Numbers 1 to 10; 1 to 20 & 21 to 100
- Addition & Subtraction
- Comparison
- Ordering & Sorting
- Sequencing
- Counting by 1s, 2s, 5s & 10s
- Money
- Measuring with non-standard units
- 2D Shapes

First Semester Class Events and Projects

Halloween
Thanksgiving
Christmas
Empathy Day
Animal Research Project

(Upcoming) Class Events and Projects

Going Places Project (started)
Observe with a New Perspective Project (10th March)
Spelling Bee (March 20th class; 27th finals)
Science Fair Project (14th/15th April - date TBC)
Around the World Project (22nd May)
Speaking Contest (April 24th class; May 8th finals)
Sports Day (June 6th)
Green School (June 11th-13th - date TBC)

Second Semester at a Glance

Language Arts

- Cornerstone Textbook
 - Animals & Plants
 - One World
 - Friendships
- Novel Study: Nate the Great
- Spelling Quizzes
- Spelling Bee
- Speaking Contest

Science (Mr Pieter)

- Everyday Materials, Objects and Structures
- Differences between natural and built materials
- Why certain materials are more appropriate to use in the construction of strong and stable structures.
- Daily and Seasonal Changes
- Seasons impact our daily activities.
- Difference between weather and climate.

Math

- Capacity & Mass
- 2D & 3D shapes
- Directions
- Time & Temperature
- Organising Data

Social Studies

- Important Places
- My Friends & Me
- My Home
- Using Maps

Art

- Art History
- Holiday Crafts

Areas of Improvement

My Perspective

- Talking during lessons
- Focus & concentration
- Cleaning up
- Fostering a sense of community and mutual respect
- Personal accountability - they are quick to point out the faults in one another
- Working independently

Strengths of the Class

My Perspective

- Polite - they say hello to teachers enthusiastically
- Affectionate
- Students will try their best to speak in English!
- Students are able to talk about their emotions and how they feel
- Organisation - making up work in a timely manner
- Sense of humour

Homework and Make-Up Work

- English consultations are on Tuesdays at 8am in the first grade classroom
- Many students did a fantastic job making up work quickly
- A reminder that any NB or “0” that is not made up by the time grades are submitted at the end of the semester are changed to a “1.”
- I will email the date that I am inputting in final grades as soon as I know. The consultation before will be the final consultation for make-up work and retakes to be done!

Thank You for Your Time

A few of my favourite moments from the first semester...



Questions & Comments

