



Bayview Fairways  
Public School  
September 2009

## This month's Character Matters Trait is Respect - "Respect yourself and others will respect you."

### From The Teacher's Desk:

Wow, I can't believe that we've already finished our first week together! The kids and I have had lots of fun getting to know one another. I look forward to a busy and an exciting year together!

As always, I would like to emphasize that the success of your child's education depends on close cooperation and regular communication between home and school. I welcome your input and am always pleased to hear from you. Please call me at the school or use your child's agenda as a means to forward questions and/or concerns.



### Language:

**Reading:** We have just started to identify different purposes for reading and choosing reading materials appropriate for those purposes. During guided reading, we are concentrating on two reading strategies; making connections and questioning through the readings of various literary texts. Students will also work on predicting the meaning of and solve unfamiliar words using different types of cues.

**Writing:** Using various graphic organizers students will generate ideas about a potential topic with supporting details to be put into units that could be used to develop into short, simple paragraphs. Students will also practice recounts in the form of letter writing.

### Math:

This month we will start with our Patterning and Algebra strand.

**Grade 2-** Students will learn to sort according to at least 2 attributes. They will use these attributes (i.e. colour, size, shape, number) to create, extend and represent patterns. At home, parents can help their child practice these concepts by doing the following activities: look for patterns at home (sweaters, rugs, tiles or wall paper); ask your child to help you organize the kitchen utensils or the laundry. As your child sorts the utensils or laundry into groups, encourage discussion about the groupings.

**Grade 3-** Through activities students will discover that the position of digits in numbers tells what the digits represent, and that there are patterns in the way numbers are formed. Here's something you can try with your child at home. Remove the 10s and face cards from a deck of cards. Deal 3 cards to each player. The player who can make the greatest 3-digit number with her or his cards gets 1 point. Return the cards to the deck, shuffle, and deal again. The first player to get 10 points is the winner. Repeat the activity making the least possible number.

Remember math practice for your child can be incorporated into everyday activities at home. Just remember to keep the activities fun and light for your child.

### Social Studies:

Our grade two students will be busy learning about the many rich traditions and celebrations within Canada. Students will get a chance to identify and outline the significant traditions and celebrations of their own heritage. We will also be taking a closer look into which heritage and traditions are passed on with our study of the Inuit culture.

**Science:** The grade three students will be learning to identify that there are several types of forces that cause movement. Through investigation they will describe and explain how forces cause objects to speed up, slow down, or change direction through direct contact or through interaction at a distance.

*Please note in October the grade twos will work on science and the grade threes will work on social studies.*

**Art:** We will be exploring texture art and how to create pieces of art that communicate thoughts and feelings. We will look at famous master pieces by Russian artist Vasily Kandinsky, who used colours to express his feelings. Students will then recreate his work using different colours to express their emotions.

## Reminders to Students

- Dress appropriately for all changing weather conditions
- Bring a pair of indoor shoes to change into for class
- Every Monday after lunch will be library day so don't forget to bring back your library books
- Read nightly for at least 20 minutes
- Have your parents sign your agenda and reading log every night
- Bring a recess snack to help you get through until lunch as many of you are complaining about being hungry before lunchtime



## Birthday Highlights:

September 28 – Wendy

## Upcoming Events -

15 <sup>th</sup>	Safety Village
18 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Orders Due
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Council (7pm)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Night (6:30pm)
25 <sup>th</sup>	PA Day

## Parting thoughts...

Further my consultations with Mrs. Charland, I have implemented additional safety precautions that our class will carry out throughout the year.

- ❖ Our portable will always be locked from the outside. This way no one can simply walk in.
- ❖ I have scheduled two washroom breaks during the day (10 o'clock and 2 o'clock) so that our whole class goes to the washroom/ water fountain together. However, if there's an emergency request by a student then they will go with a partner and the office will be informed in order for them to be monitored as they walk to the washroom.

At Bayview Fairways your child's safety will always remain high on our list. We are committed to making this school a safe and secure environment for our students to learn and grow. Should you have any questions /and concerns please don't hesitate to address it to myself or Mrs. Charland.