

# Grade 4/5 Newsletter

October 2009

Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure meeting most of you at the Bayview Fairways P.S. Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Night and I hope that you took advantage of this opportunity to familiarize yourselves with your children's educational program.

## October Dates to Remember:

- October 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Thanksgiving - school closed
- October 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Pizza Lunch
- October 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Cross Country
- October 16<sup>th</sup> ..... Cross Country (rain date)
- October 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Diwali
- October 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Picture Day
- October 26<sup>th</sup> ..... Pizza Lunch
- October 30<sup>th</sup> ..... Halloween Spirit Day Parade, Character Assembly
- October 31<sup>st</sup> ..... Halloween

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Here is some important information about the topics covered this term.

## Literacy

Students are required to read for a minimum of fifteen minutes each night. They must record, the name of the book along with a brief comment in their Reading Logs.

Once a week, they will be writing a more detailed response in their Reader's Notebook, using many of the comprehension strategies discussed in class.

The strategies to support comprehension are:

- Asking Questions
- Making Connections
- Making Predictions
- Questioning
- Visualizing
- Summarizing
- Inferring
- Synthesizing
- Evaluating
- Using Fix-Up Strategies
- Finding Important Ideas

## Mathematics

The **Grade 4's** have completed the first unit "Number Patterns" and have already started unit 2, "Whole Numbers."

In these units, students are expected to:

- Recognize and discuss patterning rules
- Apply patterning strategies to problem-solving situations
- Compare and order whole numbers to 10 000
- Solve problems involving whole numbers and describe and explain the variety of strategies used.

**Grade 5's** have just completed the first unit, "Number Patterns" and have started unit 2, "Whole Numbers."

In this unit, students are expected to:

- Determine, through investigation using a table of values, relationships in growing and shrinking patterns
- Compare and order whole numbers to 100 000
- Solve problems involving whole numbers and describe and explain the variety of strategies used

## Social Studies

**Grade 4's** are studying "Canada's Provinces, Territories and Regions." They are learning map and globe skills, locating places on maps, and describing the locations using latitude and longitude.

**Grade 5's** are studying Aspects of Citizenship and Government in Canada with Ms. Tonus.

- ❖ Please continue to sign your child's Agenda each night in order to be informed of their homework and important upcoming events.
- ❖ Scholastic book order forms will be sent home monthly. The available selections consist of award winning literature, which are age appropriate. Participation is optional.
- ❖ Feel free to contact me should you have any concerns regarding your child. (905-889-1858 ext. 210)

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