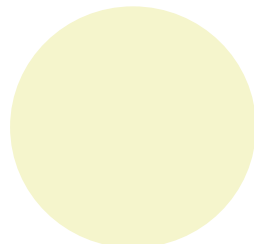
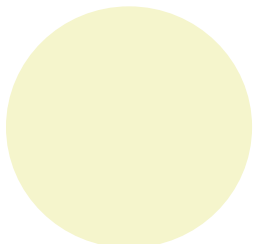


# NEWS AT THE GROVE



## Special points of interest:

- Gymnastics Energy
- Arts Night
- Hot Dog Day

Monday, November 16,

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## Some notes from the office

If receiving the newsletter via email isn't working for you, please send in a note to your child's teacher and we can work something out.



I've had some parents asking for calendars and newsletter items so this leads me to believe that some are not receiving their newsletter. Thanks!

If there is anyone who borrowed a blue and white crock pot from the school kitchen, please return it as soon as possible.

The school is going to Gymnastics Energy this Friday, if you haven't brought in your child's permission form yet please do

so, otherwise your child will not be able to attend.



A reminder, November 25th is Hot Dog Day.

Thank you, and have a great week.

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## NEWS FROM THE K/1 CLASS...

Things are hopping in the K/1 class! Our focus on Fairy Tales is in full swing. Last week we focussed on retelling the story of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff". When we use the "Retell" Star Strategy we share infor-

mation about the main characters, setting, problem, solution, and favourite part. Maybe the next time you and your child are reading a story together at home you could try to identify these story elements too! Also, as I men-

tioned before, if your child has a favourite tale that he/she would like to share with the class, please send it in this week.

In mathematics, we will be solving open-ended problems that focus on **addition** strategies over the

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## NEWS FROM THE K/1 CLASS cont'd...

next few weeks. The children will be required to explain and defend their thinking first orally and then on paper with pictures and/or numbers. For example, last week we solved the problem "How many pockets are there in the K/1 class today?" We used a T-chart, manipulatives, survey questions, and a number-line to solve the problem cooperatively as a class.

Thank-you to everyone for sending in the science "Seasons" projects last week! The bonus activities were absolutely fantastic! *Regular word wall word homework will start again this week.*

In visual arts, we will be experimenting with watercolours this week to create **landscapes** in the style of Emily Carr. We will be learning about the "line of horizon" (where the sky meets the ground). On the evening of *Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>* from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., the K/1s and 2/3s will be presenting a **Primary Arts Night**. This will be a wonderful night for a great cause! Please see the flyer for more information.

In drama/dance, we have been working on creating **tableaux**. Tableau vivant is French for "living picture". This means

we carefully pose and freeze in positions, while trying to use facial expressions and different levels.



Have a fantastic week!

-Sarah

## Our "Night of the Arts".

*December 10th, more information to follow!*

## What's New in Grades Three and Two

Hopefully this week sees a return of all the students to our classroom. :)

We are moving into the busy season of report cards, interviews, trips, Arts Night, Holiday Gathering and day to day learning. Pretty soon we will be saying, "I can't believe it's already Christmas."

This week, the students will be working on their Data Management project, in class. The students have developed a survey question and will be creating various graphs based on the information gathered from their surveys. Then we will be working on Patterning.

I absolutely loved the Diary projects! They were creative, entertaining and humorous. The students have enjoyed presenting their diaries to the class.

We are focusing on procedural writing. The students have been assigned a task for which they have to write and illustrate the steps. After procedural writing, we will look at letter writing. We have been reading the 'Scaredy Squirrel' series by Mélanie Watt. Working in groups, the students will be creating their own 'Scaredy Squirrel' stories.

Our Forces and Movement unit is wrapping up. We are looking at forces in nature such as, erosion and landslides. We will soon begin our unit on Air and Water in the Environment.

The element of line is our focus for Art. We are busily preparing for our Night of the Arts which will take place on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss it! In Drama and Dance, we are looking at a variety of dances from communities around the world.

The Spelling Contract will be sent home again this week. We took last week off due to the number of students absent.

be a respectful friend. The next character trait that we will focus on is **CARING**.

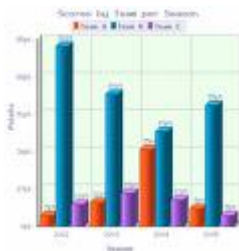
The Scholastic book orders will be sent home this Friday. Students will have until December 7<sup>th</sup> to bring in their orders. This will be the last book order before Christmas.

On Thursday of this week, students will be traveling to Campden for gym. Then on Friday morning, students will be participating in the gymnastics program at Gymnastics Energy.

If anyone is interested in donating any items to our Arts Night raffle, please talk to Sarah or myself. All money collected will be donated to charity. The students are very determined to raise money for those who are less fortunate. Tickets will be available in the office, later this week, and will also be for sale the night of our Arts Night.

Have a wonderful and healthy week!

Melissa



# CARING CARING

Students will be designing a poster to show what it means to

# News From the Basement

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Good gravy. Where does the time go?

The 4/5 class has wrapped up work on the *Planet Zoo* unit and is now into *I've Got the Power!*, a unit about energy in its many forms as well as ways to conserve the energy we use every day with our technology.

In Language, a major focus will be on developing our skills for proofreading and revising written work, as this has proven to be a challenging area for this class as well as many before. We will then put this work to good use when we begin some extended short story writing soon.

In Mathematics, we're continuing to focus on mental math strategies as well as good old "pencil and paper" strategies for making calculations and solving problems of all sorts. While this is going on, we'll keep dipping into patterning and algebra concepts and having mad minutes to develop efficiency with basic math facts. I encourage families

to engage in conversations about math at home and to develop short five-to-ten-minute routines that will help students memorize some of these basic skills. The less work one has to do figuring out 7 plus 9, the more time they can spend really doing the big-picture thinking.

I'm quite excited by a lot of the work being done as we paint portraits inspired by Amadeo Modigliani, and by the time you read this, many will have started their second portrait on stretched canvas. In other areas of the Arts, we've been working on some body percussion techniques in Music, and we'll soon start rolling on our performance for the Holiday Gathering, coming up on December 17. Yahoo!

Have a wonderful week!

Jerome



## Perfectly Paula

### Grade 4/5 French

Salut! What a crazy couple of weeks we've had! I hope all the illnesses have now passed and we can knuckle down. There is so much to do, and so little time ...

During the next fortnight, we will move quickly through time (*Quelle heure est-il?*), completing it this Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The children will endure a gruelling 45 minute examine on this day. Alright. You got me. It will be more like a short 15 minute quiz to make sure the children understand the concept.

In the second week of our fortnight, we will examine personal pronouns (*je, il, elle, tu, vous, nous, elles, ils* and *on*). From there, the 4s and 5s will practice using their definite (*le, la, les, l'*), indefinite (*un, une, des*) articles. On Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the children finish the unit with a test. *Bonnes deux semaines!*

### Grade 2/3 Social Studies

As we rapidly approach Christmas, the 2s and 3s continue to examine other cultures' 'Christmas-type' celebrations and traditions. Over the coming two weeks, we examine Diwali (a Hindu celebration), and Hanukkah (a Jewish celebration). Enjoy your fortnight!

### SK/Grade 1 Social Studies

We have completed our units on coping with criticism, teasing and bullying. Next week, the Sks and the Grade 1s take a look at families and the varying types of families present in society. From there, the little munchkins begin a project called 'Only me'. As the title suggests, each child will complete a booklet that celebrates their individuality. We will work on this over the next month. Have a great two weeks!

*"Gymnastics*

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*MAPLE GROVE DRAGONS*

## **Council Update**

Due to absences on November 11, we have rescheduled the November meeting to November 25th.

Hope to see you all there.

Mercuri's are hosting, if you need address information please call the office.

