

## Grade 3 November News

### Progress Reports & Parent Teacher Conferences

Progress reports will be sent home on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Parent-teacher conferences will take place on the evening of Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out parent-teacher conference form that was emailed out last week and return it to school as soon as possible.

### Monthly Newsletters

The grade 3 monthly newsletter is uploaded to the blog each week. If you do not have access to a computer/printer and would prefer a hard copy please write a note in your child's agenda indicating this and I will ensure you get a printed copy each month.

### Headphones

Many students have brought in headphones already so thank you! If you have not yet sent in headphones, please do so as soon as possible. This helps to keep the noise level down when we are in the computer lab.

### Coat Drive

Mount Pleasant School is once again running a coat drive for the Wish Closet in Brantford. We are currently looking for donations of gently used coats, snowpants, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and boots. Your donation will make a difference!

### Operation Christmas Child

The Grade 6/7 class is organizing the Operation Christmas Child charity this year. If your family is interested in filling a shoe box for a child in a third world country, please write a note indicating you would like a box. Boxes are due by November 12<sup>th</sup> and require \$7 for shipping.

### Genius Hour

I am so impressed and inspired by the ideas that the grade 3 students have come up with for their genius hour inquiry questions and their passion projects. We are currently on week 4 and the students are really enjoying researching their topic of interest. Can't wait to see the final products!

### Science Toy Show

Wow! The toys that the grade 3 students created exceeded my expectations. So many creative and unique toys. We had the pleasure of hosting a toy show where the Kindergartens, Grade 1s, 2s and the 5/6 class come through to see our toys and they really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted their child in gathering materials and helping them build their toys.

## Remembrance Day Assembly Choral Reading

The grade 3s will be performing a choral reading of the poem "In Flanders Field" for this year's Remembrance Day assembly. Please encourage your child to practice his/her lines over the weekend.

Females: In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
Males: that mark out place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

All: We are the Dead.  
Males: Short days ago  
We lived, felt down, saw sunset glow.

Females: Loved and were loved  
Males: and now we lie in Flanders fields.

All: Take up our quarrel with the foe.  
Females: To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch;

Males: be yours to hold it high.

All: If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep

One Male: through poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## What We Are Learning in Grade 3 in November

### Reading

- continue to work on asking questions while we read to increase understanding
- retell events of a story that they have read or a story that was read aloud to them

### Writing

- factual recounts of events (e.g. describing the 5 W's as well as the sequence of events)
- research/ report writing

### Math

Continuing our Number Sense and Numeration Unit

- skip counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25
- adding and subtracting 2 & 3 digit numbers
- adding money
- multiplying

### **Social Studies (Nov-Dec)- Communities in Canada 1780-1850**

- comparing ways of life of people in the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, describing the changes between that era and the present day
- investigate some of the major challenges that different groups and communities faced in Canada
- Identify some of the communities in Canada in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and describe their relationship to the land