Mrs. Bruinsma's Grade 5 class

January

Welcome back!

Welcome back! As good as the break was (and it really was good, wasn't it?), I am so excited to get back to it with this group of students.

This month has many exciting things to look forward to. We will be starting new topics in several subjects, and we also have a field trip coming up. In addition, Mr. VandeKraats will be joining us full-time as of January 30th, until April 21st. He will gradually be taking on more of the teaching and planning responsibilities as his practicum time with us progresses. I look forward to learning a lot from him (I am sure much more than I will teach him!).

As we get back to it, I want to encourage students to continue practicing their basic facts and reading as much as possible. Both of these habits, although they seem simple, will go a long way towards their continued success in Grade 5!

And with that, let's get this month started!

The eye is the lamp to the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light."
Matthew 6:22

Important Dates

Monday, January 9th - First day back to school!

Monday, January 23rd - FIELD TRIP (Fort Edmonton Park - Indigenous Centre)

Monday, January 30th - PD Day (no school)

Thursday, February 2nd - Ski Trip Day (Grades 4-9)

Reminders

- Library is on Thursdays
- Celebration will be on Wednesday mornings this month
- Please fill out the permission forms for our upcoming field trips on PowerSchool as soon as possible!

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Upcoming Learning

Language Arts - This month we will be taking a look at descriptive language and strategies to create a picture in our readers' minds. We will also be exploring the concepts of past/present/future tense and subject/verb agreement in Grammar.

Math - Our multiplication skills have grown! After some review of these, we will be moving on to develop our skills in the area of division. Keep practicing those basic facts at home!

Social Studies - We will be finishing up our travel magazines this month, and planning our Wrap Parry. Following this event, we will begin our "Journey Through Time" - starting with Early Canada and the Indigenous Peoples who were here first.

Science - We are moving on to our next unit: Classroom Chemistry. In this unit, students will be exploring different chemicals, their properties and the ways in which they interact. This is always a favorite unit for students as it offers many fun hands-on experiences!

Bible - Since we didn't quite finish before the break, we will finish our exploration of Jesus' Birth and then move onto to examine his early years.

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Wrap Party

Sometime soon (date to be finalized), we will be hosting our Wrap Party. Students have worked hard in Social Studies to build their magazines that explore the geographical regions of Canada. We have also explored these regions through different mediums in Art.
Our Wrap Party will be an opportunity for students to celebrate and share their learning and finished products with as many people as possible. It is my hope that you, as parents, will be able to join us for this event. So please keep an eye out for the information!

Thank you!

Thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts and goodies. I assure you that the were well-enjoyed and appreciated over the holiday season. And thank you for your continued prayer for our class as we learn and grow together this year!

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