

Grade 4/5 Classroom Newsletter

November 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

 It is hard to believe that it is November already and report card and conference time has come again. I am looking forward to getting a chance to connect with each family for 3-way conferences. It is a great time to celebrate your child’s achievements, reacquaint with their personal growth, and make future plans for further development of their goals. Students are excited to show their family what they have been working on and have their time to shine. The PTI (Parent-Teacher interview schedule) will be open on Tuesday, November 13th for families to sign up online (the parent portal). Please sign up online for a 3-way conference time. Progress reports come home on Monday, November 26th and conferences are Thursday evening November 29th and Friday morning November 30th. If you are unable to attend, then please contact me for an additional time for a conference.

 Just a reminder again, that many student work packages will be coming home soon to be perused and signed by parents. Please go through your child’s work packages and make inquiries about what your child is learning. Please have your child send back their work signed by you. This shows that you have seen their work and are aware of their current completion of assignments (pages that are not clipped means that there is corrections or work is not complete). I then add these packages into their work folder for conferences.

 As we progress further into the school year and the weather is expected to get cold, please make sure your child is prepared by dressing appropriately for the weather. For some families, winter is a great time to take advantage of a getaway and travel. Although it was covered in school newsletters and the school planners, I have reminded students about having a homework buddy for absences from the classroom. I anticipate that there may be requests for work packages in advance. What I usually do is add handouts to the student’s doutang and continue to update the class blog daily with assessments or assignment reminders. Students who are absent miss the valuable class instruction, group collaboration activities, and hands on opportunities. I would hope students will enjoy their trip and try to catch up the best they can when they get back.

 ** Important Dates for November:**

 **Monday, November 1st - picture retakes**

 **Friday, November 9th -no school for students PD day**

 **Monday, November 12th - Remembrance Day holiday no school**

 **Tuesday, November 13th - PTI opens for signing up for conferences**

 **Thursday, November 22nd -Dairy Queen hot lunch**

 **Friday, November 23rd -spirit day: twin day**

 **Monday, November 26th -progress reports go home**

 **Thursday, November 29th -evening 3-way conferences (3:45-7:45)**

 **Friday, November 30th -a.m. conferences, no school for students**



**Thank you for all the support you give. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at** cumingc@spsd.sk.ca

 **Ms. Cuming**

 

Curricular Themes for

 November

Language Arts:

-visualizing reading comprehension strand

-narrative writing using author’s writing style for visualization

Math: Numeration

Place Value:

-rounding numbers, comparing numbers using place value and expressing place value by looking at number form, word form, and expanded form

Science:

Properties and Changes of Materials

-hands on experiments, testing theories of solids, liquids, and gases of how materials change their properties and states

Social Studies:

Dynamic Relationships:

-geographical features, political boundaries, and symbols of Saskatchewan and Canada

Health: Self Esteem & Wellness

-media influences on self-esteem and stress management

Dance: Viewing Dance Styles