

Le mercredi, 30 avril, 2008

Chers parents,

Here's a brief outline of what we'll be working on for the month of May:

Reading	➤ extend understanding of a text through follow-up activities (e.g., create an alternative ending) ➤ REVIEW: identify the key element of a story (e.g., setting, plot, characters) ➤ read with expression and be attentive to the punctuation (. , ! ?) when reading aloud
Writing	⇒ revise, edit and proofread their writing (e.g., correct errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation) with the teacher's assistance ⇒ use appropriate resources to verify spelling (e.g., word lists, dictionaries and French-English dictionaries) ⇒ apply verbs learned (e.g., venir, partir, sortir, prendre) in daily written work ⇒ use of comme, après, avant, derrière, sans, parce que in writing
Oral Communication	⇒ continuer de parler en français dans la classe (always use all the words we know when talking)!
Math	⇒⇒ number sense and numeration: multiplications, suites numeriques, l'argent ⇒⇒ patterning: geometric patterns WE ARE REVIEWING DIFFERENT MATH CONCEPTS IN MAY TO GET READY FOR EQAO

Éducation Physique: I have been reminding students that even though "sandal season" has finally arrived, we still need to wear running shoes to go to the gym. As always, students who wear socks, slippers, sandals (or bare feet) will be asked to sit on a bench for that Phys. Ed. class. Please note that for safety reasons, sandals are not permitted on the playground structures.

Speaking of the nice sunny weather... We strongly encourage students to **wear a hat** for recesses to protect them from the sun. If your child brings sunglasses and/or sun screen lotion, please label them. Merci!

During the month of May, I'll be formally assessing the students' **reading** for the **third report card**. As soon as I'm done, I'll be sending home your child's reading level.

Students do need to continue reading Students are encouraged to continue logging their the books that they've read. I remind students to change their books (if they need to), if your child forgets to bring a French book home, please remind him/her to do so in his/her agenda. **Students are strongly encouraged to read at home each day** in order to maintain (and to further develop) their skills. Reading is also an informal way to develop the vocabulary (learning new words) in English and en français .
Bonne lecture!

FUN WEB SITE TO TRY AT HOME:

<http://www.languageguide.org/francais/>

<http://fslactivities.sd61.bc.ca/index.html>

<http://www.didierbravo.com/html/jeux/index.htm>

www.jedessine.com

www.jeux.fr

www.pepit.be

www.chezlorry.ca

www.jeuxpourenfants.org

GRADE THREE TESTING: will be on May 26, 27 and 28 at our school. In preparation, we have been going over tests from previous years. Copies of a sample EQAO test for Language and Math are being sent home. Having your child work on these samples at home is completely optional. As mentioned, we are preparing the students at school so that they are relaxed and comfortable with the format. Once again, we are approaching the testing as a task like any other. There should be no undue pressure. Students are instructed, as usual, to do their best. It's an opportunity for them to show what they know!

SUMMER CAMP en français: In Whitby, 4101 Baldwin (north-east corner of Taunton and Brock). Camp Garnier is for francophone children (age: 6 to 14), but they do accept French Immersion students. Please keep in mind that it is ALL and ONLY in French. Please write: campgarnier@gmail.com for more information.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions. I am always just a phone call (905-436-2054) or a "note in the agenda" away!

Sincèrement,
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