

The Grade 2s are continuing to build their literacy skills. They are practicing their phonics skills each day using the program UFLI Foundations, as well as building their vocabulary with our weekly spelling words. In Math, we have just finished up our unit on representing numbers to 1000 and now we are moving on to our addition and subtraction to 100 unit. In Social Studies, we are learning about what life is like in the northern community of Iqaluit, Nunavut, and how their life might be different from our community. In Science, we are continuing our work learning about materials in our world. We are learning that most objects combine materials together, and that each material has a different function. In Art, we finished up our Remembrance Day poppies and next we will be working on winter and Christmas themed projects.

The Grade 3 class will be reading Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr. Fox* for the next month. Handwriting learning will be on hold for the duration of the novel study and will resume after Christmas break. We are in the final draft stages of our autobiographies. For word work, we have been continuing with weekly spelling work and we have been completing four UFLI Foundations Phonics lessons a week. In Mathematics, we are working on determining the value of coins and bills and we will be starting addition and subtraction soon. In Social Studies, we have started learning about the country of Peru. In Science, students are learning about properties of liquids, solids, and gases. In Physical Education and Wellness, students will be working on basketball skills, and we will be focusing on financial literacy for our health classes.

In ELA the Grade 7s are working on a Narrative writing unit. They have already dabbled in suspenseful writing, but now they are learning about descriptive writing. They will create descriptive paragraphs and build them into a short essay. Each student will be given the opportunity to write an essay for the Legion. Students will then learn how to write a narrative essay. We are starting Literacy Stations in Lit Support. This allows students to work on oral reading fluency, reading comprehension, decoding skills, and their own passion project.

In ELA the Grade 8s are working on essay writing format. They will focus on descriptive and narrative essays for this unit, and concentrate on 5 paragraph essay format. Each student will be given the opportunity to write an essay for the Legion. We are starting Literacy Stations in Lit Support. This allows students to work on oral reading fluency, reading comprehension, decoding skills, and their own passion project.