



MME ARBEAU'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Fairvale
Elementary School
October 2013

Bonjour parent(s)! As we move into our second month of school, the students are becoming accustomed to our daily routines. They are beginning to use vocabulary structures taught in class with more ease and accuracy. I am very pleased with their efforts!

I would like to say thank you for your continued support at home! Your children are coming to school with a positive attitude to learn a new language. This is an extremely important factor in their success in the Immersion program. I have also noticed an improvement in their ability to recall numbers in French. I appreciate the help you are providing your child at home; to help reinforce key concepts that have been learned at school. It is making a difference! Please remember that you can access our class website at: www.3Arbeau.weebly.com for examples of how to say the new sounds and numbers in French.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at the school: 847-6206, via Email: Candace.Arbeau@nbed.nb.ca, or you can write me a note in your child's agenda.

Vision

F.E.S. students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in a global community.

Mission

The F.E.S. community is dedicated to providing opportunities through best educational practices, for children to develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally, reaching their fullest potential.

Art

Your child has been creating Fall inspired works of art that decorate our hallway. We have been experimenting with watercolour paint. We refined the wet-on-wet technique, using 2 colours. We have also discussed warm and cool colours.

Important Dates to Remember:

September 30th – School Fee (\$25) due

October 3rd – Skating at the Q Plex

October 10th & 11th – No School *Professional Learning Days for Teachers*

October 14th – No School *Thanksgiving*

October 17th - Skating at the Q Plex

October 18th – School Fundraising orders due

October 24th - Skating at the Q Plex

October 31st - Skating at the Q Plex

- Halloween (wear Halloween colours/shirts to school)

November 11th – No School *Remembrance Day*



Literacy

We are continuing with our first unit. We are discussing what makes each student unique. The children are learning to describe themselves, and their friends. We are working towards our final project which is to create a comic strip using the program Bitstrips. The students will physically describe themselves and their family members.

Housekeeping Items

- ✂ Please continue to check and sign your child's agenda every evening to verify that your son/daughter completed homework and that you received messages sent home.
- ✂ Please return Le duotang "D" Les devoirs and your child's agenda to school every day.
- ✂ Just a reminder, please discuss the importance of good listening skills with your child. All of our reading and writing activities are based upon what has been SAID ORALLY during class discussions.

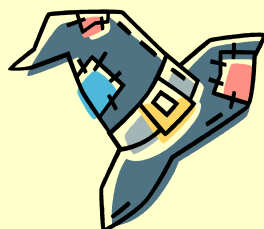
English Literacy

There is an English period for half an hour each day, for a total of 150 minutes per week.

This year the English curriculum will be incorporated with Health, Social Studies and Science objectives.

For the next two months, we will continue to work on a Social Studies unit about "What makes me feel like part of the community?" We will also be working on descriptive writing.

Please continue to have your child read for 10 minutes in English each night and then record: 1) the title of the book and 2) the number of pages read. A parent must also initial the Daily Reading Log. Please return the Reading Log to school every day.



Music

Your son or daughter has Music Wednesday afternoon from 11:45 – 12:15 and Friday morning from 8:45 – 9:15.

Just a reminder: Upper Elementary Choir (grades 3-5) will begin this month. Performances will take place during the Remembrance Day assembly and the Christmas Choir Concert in December.

Physical Education

Your child has Physical Education Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:15 – 8:45. Please make sure that your son or daughter is dressed appropriately.

Yoga

Every Monday from 12:15 – 12:45 for those students who returned the permission slip.

Soccer Intramurals

Every Monday from 12:15 – 12:45 for those students who signed up. There are 4 different teams with 2 games per noon recess.

Please make sure that your child has indoor sneakers in order to be able to participate in these extracurricular activities.

Fall Running Club

Every Wednesday from 12:15 – 12:45 (for those students who returned the permission slip). Each noon recess, your child will run between 1 and 4 kilometers.

Cross Country Run

October 2nd, 16th and 23rd from 3:15 to 3:35 at Hampton Elementary School (for those students who returned the permission slip).

Please assure that your child has outdoor sneakers as flats, boots, etc. are not safe to run in. A change of clothes may also be a good idea.

Math

In Math this month, the students are continuing to learn numbers to 1000 in French. They are also:

- Counting, representing, describing, comparing and ordering numbers to 500.
- Estimating quantities less than 100 using referents.
- Applying estimation strategies to predict sums and differences of two 2-digit numerals in a problem solving context.
- Illustrating the meaning of place value with numbers to 200.
- Describing and applying mental mathematics strategies for adding two 2-digit numerals such as: adding from left to right, and using doubles
- Describing and applying mental mathematics strategies for subtracting two 2-digit numerals such as: thinking of addition
- Continuing to develop a recall of basic facts
- Demonstrating an understanding of increasing and decreasing patterns by: describing, extending, comparing, creating patterns using manipulatives, diagrams, sounds, and actions (numbers to 200)
- Collecting and organizing first hand data.
- Constructing, labeling, and interpreting bar graphs to solve problems.

✦ **Math Tip:** Have your child practice counting with money (in French)! This is a great way to reinforce counting by 1s, 5s, 10s and 25s.

Math Homework

As students become more comfortable with saying numbers in French, we will be adding basic math facts to be practiced and reviewed. Each Friday students will have a one minute basic math fact test with 12 questions based on facts studied for homework throughout the week. Students should recall facts quickly (within 3 seconds) in Grade 3.

Please continue to *sign* your child's Math Homework sheet each night and return it to the school the next day.



Home and School

- ✦ If you have any Campbell's Soup Labels at home, please be sure to send them in with your child in his/her Duotang "D". They are redeemed for school-related products.
- ✦ If you have any Canadian Tire money burning a hole in your pocket, please send it in in your child's Duotang "D". The money is used to purchase supplies for the Christmas Float.

The 7 Habits of Happy Kids

- ✦ This year we will continue to live the 7 habits. We will focus on one habit a month with classroom activities, announcements and assemblies.

1. Be Proactive
2. Begin with the end in mind
3. Put first Things First
4. Think win-win
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the saw

Don't forget to check out Jannah Bolin's YouTube video entitled "The 7 Habits" on my Weebly!

Library

Our Library period begins this Friday (October 4th) from 2:00 – 2:30. Students are welcome to take out one book in French and one book in English. They are to be returned the following Friday morning.

Overdue notices will be sent home weekly. If you received a notice, please be sure to return the book with your child ASAP. Books that are overdue for one month, or which are badly damaged will be subject to a fine: \$7.50 for paperbacks and \$15 for hard covers.

We will be reviewing the Library Citizenship Rules with students.