



# 2012 Grade Two February News



## Dance-A-Thon



Our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year has begun! Your child brought home a pledge form for the Dance-A-Thon last week. Please collect pledges and return the form and collections to school when you have finished. The Grade 2 students are also being asked to bring in donations for gift baskets that will be raffled off at the dance-a-thon. Our theme is "Culinary Delights" (gourmet oils, sauces, aprons, oven mitts, bowl, serving sets, etc.). Please send these in to your child's teacher by **February 17<sup>th</sup>**, and we will be sure they get them to Parent Council for the basket. Thank you in advance for your support!

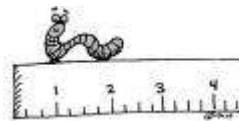
## Save the Date



100's Day is on February 10<sup>th</sup>...stay tuned for more information coming home in your child's agenda

Valentine's Day...in the spirit of inclusion, we ask that if you are sending in valentine cards, please include all children in the class

## Curriculum News . . .



In **Math** we are continuing to work on adding two-digit numbers. Our next unit will focus on Linear Measurement and Data Management

In **Social Studies** we continue to work on our units about Traditions and Celebrations Around the World. This month we will be studying Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and Flag Day. Ask your child to share their learning with you.

In the **Science** curriculum we are continuing to do investigations and experiments on the Properties of Liquids and Solids and we will begin a Simple Machine unit.

In Language, **Home Reading** continues to go home on a weekly basis. Please read and discuss these books as often as you can. Revisiting a book can give you opportunities to look for verbs, nouns, adjectives, words of the week, spelling patterns, etc. Please remember that your child's reading level is not based solely on word calling, an integral part is his/her ability to demonstrate his/her comprehension of the text. Asking questions **BEFORE**, **DURING** and **AFTER** reading is one strategy you can use at home to help improve comprehension. Our current reading focus for both whole group and small group instruction will be using proof from text to support opinion when answering questions. We will continue to learn how to write persuasive letters on various topics and will begin to read procedural texts and do our own procedural writing. You can support this current focus at home by having your child orally give you instructions (i.e., how to brush your teeth), and you can also have them follow a set of instructions (i.e., how to tie your shoelaces).

## Important Reminders

- **There is no school on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (Family Day)**
- Please call the attendance line 1-877409-6310 if your child will be late or absent.
- Please continue to sign your child's agenda each night and check for notes/important announcements.

Please remember to ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor shoes. This will ensure safety in the classroom and in the gym. In addition, it is also recommended to place a change of socks in your child's bag to avoid wet feet throughout the day.

### Things you can do at home to support your child's learning...

- read on RAZKIDS.com
- talk about his/her day
- extend units of study by researching related topics on the internet
- practise adding two-digit numbers and explaining **HOW** they got their answer
- visit the library
- encourage your child to extend their writing skills by writing instructions for daily tasks
- practise keyboarding skills at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

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## Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Mendes, Ms. Locke, Mrs. Nadalin, Mrs. Sear, Miss Khorrami, and Mrs. Thomson