

the SPARK

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From the teachers...

For the past two weeks, the upper grades have been working on making speeches in English class. Once the speeches are drafted, we will work on getting them on to cue cards and will be learning some public speaking skills. So far, the students seem to be enjoying themselves. Why don't you ask them what their speech is all about this weekend!

The students have all come up with a reading goal for ARC for the month of January. I hope they are all devouring books at home and are working to completing their goals. They are also taking their free reading time more seriously at school. I am hopeful that everyone will be successful in completing his or her goal by the 31st.

In Geography, the students have been studying the political map of Canada. I will be sending their Social Studies duo tangs home this weekend, as I would like to give them a test next Tuesday. The grades 1-3 students need only know the Provinces and Territories while grades 4-7 will also have to know their capital cities.

Because we are learning about Canada, I decided to do a Canadian Folk song unit in choir. If anyone has a favourite folk song they would like to share, I'd be happy to take it off your hands!

Yesterday, 36% of the student population was absent by lunchtime due to various illnesses. Thankfully I can report, that all but one of those students were able to return today! Praise the Lord for healthy immune systems that can fight colds and flues.

Mrs. Smith

Bonjour,
Une autre semaine bien remplie. We did lots of RE, ER, IR verbs in the upper grades and lots of OU, U, EU and other words in the lower grades. Grades 1-2 had fun writing and drawing titled '*L'hiver je portes dehors*'... and labelling and naming the colours of their various winter clothes. And of course for some their favourite French word is the word in French for 'boots'. We also did a lot of singing and continued to work on the first section of '*Le Credo des Apôtres*' (**1st quiz is on January 30th**).

We have been working away on division in Grade 3 and division and 3 digit multiplication in grade 4. In Reading 4-5 we have been working on our 2nd novel 'The Incredible Journey' and in grade 6-7 'Rascal'. The students have so far been enjoying the stories. Grade 4-5 have also enjoyed doing some research on various kinds of dogs and Grade 6-7 on members of the racoon family and its relatives.

I also had the pleasure of taking on Chemistry. I hope Mrs Feenstra will be able to return next week. The students said I didn't do too badly. ;-)
Je vous souhaite tous une bonne fin de semaine,
Mrs Lüdwig

Looking Ahead:

Star of the Week: Johan

Memory Work: Ps. 95:1

Bible History: - The rich man and poor Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
- The coming of the Kingdom of God (Luke 17:20-37)
- The little children and Jesus; the rich ruler (Matt. 19:13-30; Mark 10:13-31; Luke 18:15-30)

Social Studies: Quiz January 21

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Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words:* every, pretty, jump, green, four *Spelling words:* fire, tire, wire, bite, kite, white, feed, seed, weed, your

Grade 2: green, queen, screen, feed, seed, weed, deep, weep, sheep, sleep, sweep, tool, cool, pool, spool, moon, noon, soon, spoon, to, two, too

Grade 3: jar, far, car, star, more, store, score, chore, art, cart, chart, smart, fort, port, short, sport, arm, farm, arch, March, horn, thorn, torch, porch, could, would, should

Grade 4: margins, yawns, dollars, troops, scolds, clouds, windows, churches, pushes, dishes, witnesses, taxes, mailboxes, shoes, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Grade 5: palm, pilgrim, atom, atomic, immune, community, bomb, bombard, plumber, thumbnail, column, autumn, hymn, hymnal, tomb, Montana, Maryland, Massachusetts

Grade 6: aster, asterisk, astronaut, astronomer, astronomy, astronomical, century, centurion, centigrade, centipede, centennial, millennial, millennium, millimeter, Japan, Jordan, Kampuchea, Kenya

Grade 7: remnants, unbelievable, herd, serene, vehicle, bookshelves, recruit, disable, committing, participate, memories, combination, roommate, custodian, cinnamon, projector, subscription, arraignment, indictment, catastrophe, trajectory, counterfeit,