

the SPARK

January 30, 2014

From the teachers...

This past week has been full of exciting events at ACS. Grades 1 and 2 have started a new Author. For the next few weeks, we will be taking a closer look at the work of author and illustrator, Eric Carle. Students will be learning a variety of things, such as: sequencing in stories, personification, Mr. Carle's unique art technique, and will be writing their own stories using writing patterns introduced in some of his books. I'm sure it will be a time of great learning adventures.

We were able to welcome a new face to the volunteer roster this week. It's really exciting to have Mr. Bisailon, or Mr. Guy as he sometimes goes by, come to our school to teach Art on Wednesday afternoons! We are very excited to have Art back in our lives! Thanks, Mr. Guy!

We were also able to welcome another face back to school. Mrs. Visscher, our PhysEd expert, has returned! Great to have you back! Wednesday afternoons are turning out to be pretty exciting.

On Monday, I plan to do a little recorder quiz with grades 3-7. Students may choose one song from their recorder books that they have already learned in class to perform. I hope you all enjoy the sweet sounds of recorder this weekend, as I am sure they will all be practicing hard.

Today marks the last day of January. I am hoping to see many

completed ARC a sheet in the kids' note totes today. Seeing as it is still January today, I won't expect all of them back until Monday. So for those of you who are not quite finished your goals... you may consider yourselves "lucky."

Mrs. Smith

Another week where we spent all morning indoors. Glad we had lots of great learning happening to keep us from getting cabin fever. ;-)

Grades 1-2 were busy making sure they knew the first section of Le Credo des Apôtres. At the time of writing this I can say that everyone did very well. I let them take a crack at it today (Wed). They could get marked today or try today and then get marked tomorrow. They were all ready to give it a go today. They all knew it!

We had a great time working on a few folk songs to tap into all the Canada material Mrs Smith has been teaching. She has also been teaching some folk songs in Choir. So here is a link to the top favourite this week. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj3bXK4nG8> Have fun singing it or letting the students teach it to you.

Grade 3-7 also did very well on Le Credo des Apôtres. They were also

working on their poster presentations on an Olympic sport. They did most of the work at home. I cannot wait to see all of them and hear their presentations 'tout en français'.

Next week we will start working on the second section of Le Credo des Apôtres.

On the pink sheet I indicated that the students are supposed to have till the 27th to learn it. Unfortunately I would like **to change the date to Tuesday, the 19th** so that I can include their mark in their report cards. We do work on their memory work every day in my classroom and with Mrs Smith as well.

Joyeux Anniversaire à mon dernier-né Johan (le 28).

He is my favourite male grade 1 student.

Bonne fin de semaine et allez peut-être faire un tour au Bal de Neiges?

Mme Lüdwig

Looking Ahead:

Star of the week: Justin

Memory Work: Psalm 80:7

Bible History:

- Lazarus' life restored. (John 11:37-53)
- Bartimaeus and Zaccheus: The Lord Makes the Blind to See (Mk 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-19:9)
- The Parable of the Pounds (Ten Minas) (Luke 19:11-28)

Music:

- Recorder Quiz Feb. 3

Thanks to all of you who are supporting the voucher program! In the month of January, you've purchased over \$4000 which means that there is more than \$200 in profit going to ACS. This is just from doing your regular shopping!

Gift cards are available for Superstore and Loblaws, Metro and Food Basics, Sobeys and Fresh Co., Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Value Village and Mark's Work Wear House.

Please let me know which gift cards I can get together for you for the month of February.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee for ACS,
Evelyn Nieuwenhuis

Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words:* saw, call, after, well, think *Spelling words:* brave feed, kite, light, like, quick, rattle, shop, stung, wire

Grade 2: ark, dark, park, shark, hard, yard, barn, yarn, harp, sharp, born, corn, cork, fork, stork, fort, short, sport, cord, Lord, heart, four

Grade 3: lobby, hobby, sloppy, choppy, simmer, swimmer, batter, shatter, funny, sunny, buddy, muddy, zipper, slipper, bitter, quitter, jolly, holly, foggy, soggy, summer, drummer, sinner, winner, carry, sorry, merry

Grade 4: ruby, rubies, happy, happier, happiest, try, tried, life, lives, leaf, leaves, knife, knives, children, clothes, favorites (favourites) women, Corinthians

Grade 5: satellite, ascend, scenery, scepter, scissors, scientific, princess, cyclone, pencil, penicillin, celebrate, celebrity, ambassador, necessity, necessary, license, Nebraska, Alaska

Grade 6: audible, audience, audition, auditorium, corps, corpse, corporate, corporation, corpuscle, video, videotape, vision, visible, visibility, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico

Grade 7: abandon, Easter, completely, disruptive, harass, grim, decrease, dictator, elastic, hybrid, haggle, verdict, multiple, lagoon, semicircle, competition, hilarious, gruesome, homage, hospitable, contaminate, despondent