

the SPARK

November 14, 2013

From the teachers...

Time seems to be flying by. According to the grade 1 calendar corner we have completed 40 days and 11 weeks of school.

In Social Studies we began our unit on Canadian Geography. We began our unit with studying the five themes of Geography. Ask your children if they remember what the five themes are. If they don't, they can always ask MR. HELP!

The grade 3 Sarah, Plain and Tall projects are looking great! I'll be sending them home today to be completed for Monday. On Monday, we hope to present them to the class, so please be ready!

In the next few weeks of the SPARK! I plan to insert some of the students' personal narratives. Today we begin with one written by Mathias Ludwig.

Niagara Falls

This summer we went to Michigan for our family vacation. We went to visit my aunt and uncle. After a great time in Michigan, we drove to my Oma and Pake's house. It took a while to get there. We got there after midnight. We stayed there for four days.

On the third day we were there, we went to Niagara falls. When we got there it was pouring rain. The ground

was flooded, so we went inside a Mcdonalds and got some fries. The Mcdonald was in a big place.

After we finished our fries we went to the washrooms. Then we lined up to buy tickets to go behind the falls. Then we took an elevator down to the tunnels. Then we got yellow ponchos to stay dry.

In the tunnels there openings so we could see the water rushing over us. The water was loud! Then we went above the falls and saw the falls from above. Then we went to the car because it was time to leave. We went back to Oma and Pake's house. We had the best time ever!

by: Mathias Ludwig

What a really neat jam-packed week! On Monday we had a great Remembrance Day. My favourite grade 6-7 students did a really great WW II (age appropriate) presentation. They have just completed their novel study of 'Number the Stars'. They really enjoyed it. They both said they had learned a lot. It was fun to sing *O Canada* in French and in English and with the grade 1s having learned it for the first time this year. The students can all give you more details about our morning together. Mrs Smith added some really great aspects too. :-)

This week I also read to the students the French translation of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "If You Bring A Mouse to School" (Very well done). They had to change the nouns and come up with their own versions. We also worked on *dans, sur, sous, devant, derrière, à côté* with grades 1-4. We had a lot of fun with it. Grade 3-4 also wrote quite a few sentences (using the above words). Speaking of next week, **MONDAY, the 18th** is the day that all of the students need to have completely memorized *Le Notre Père*. This week we also had the pleasant treat of having Mrs Zoellner visit us again and teach the students some more Art en français. She is a trained elementary school Art teacher. It is really neat for some of the students to be taught by their own grandmother. :-)

Bonne fin de semaine à tous,
Mme Ludwig

Looking Ahead:

Memory Work: Psalm 6:2

Star of the Week: Sam

Bible History: The raising of the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17)
Jesus anointed by the sinful woman (Luke 7:36-50)

The storm stilled; demons cast out (Matt 8:23-34; Mark 4:35-5:20; Luke 8:22-39)

Dates to Remember

Nov. 28 – Report cards

Dec 5 – Parent/teacher interviews

Dec 19 – Christmas assembly & last day of school for 2013

Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words:* big, went, are, come, if *Spelling words:* dust, just, must, ax(axe), tax, wax, cab, crab, grab, to

Grade 2: rake, tape, wipe, hide, June, mule, slope, cones, mare, tore, shore, cure, crack, trick, pink, bunk, branch, punch, patch, catch, live have, any, many some, come, their, there, Jesus, Christ

Grade 3: six, fixes, taxes, buzzes, glasses, dresses, matches, brushes, feed, keep, steep, creek, wheels, true, clue, blow, nice, place, cake, broke, age, wages, June, aid, wait, pain, May, right, night, bright, sunset, bedtime, flagpole, flashlight, oil, coin, joint, toys, you, your, come, love, of, often, again, walk, family, friend, does

Grade 4: lamppost, wildlife, grindstone, golden, breath, footbridge, unscrew, fewest, highway, thumbtack, stretch, unknown, chimney, written, lesson, stepladder, grammar, recall, beanstalk, altar, our, Psalms, lose, loose, false, caught, bought, Isaiah, desert, dessert, Ecclesiastes, because

Grade 5: impossible, independent, nonfiction, disagree, standard, senator, pennant, captain, misspell, mistake, overweight, prefix, jewelry, personal, colonial, civil, vaccination, competition, possession, occasion, dishonest, nonsense, sugar, New Hampshire, preserve, mispronounce, approval, apostle, fashion, ocean, Wisconsin, Hawaii

Grade 6: unanimous, unique, binoculars, triune, periscope, telescopic, microscopic, microphone, geological, monopolize, photography, autobiography, dynamic, hydraulic, biology, aerial, diagnosis, dialogue, diameter, thermometer, diamond, speedometer, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji

Grade 7: boundary, medical, escort, temporary, motivate, suburbs, briefcase, safety, someone, inspire, available, bagel, accountant, incident, scenery, expansion, itinerary, indecision, discriminate, commemoration, university, bicentennial