

# the SPARK

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## ***From the teachers...***

We can be thankful for another week of blessings from the LORD. The workshop I went to on executive skills was extremely helpful and I look forward to implementing some of the new things I learned. Thanks, again, to Mrs. Boeringa for filling in for the day!

Tuesday was an extremely exciting day! We were able to go to the National Arts Centre to watch the Ottawa orchestra present *Symphony of Stories*. The students could learn about punctuation in music and how it serves to make music more interesting, just like commas, periods, and exclamation points help us when reading stories. We also were lead through learning about how music can have two different characters, or themes, just as stories can have different characters. I think the ballerinas in the class were mostly impressed with Beethoven's *Rondo Alla Turka...* and it had nothing to do with the music!

In PE, we've begun a unit on basketball. We have a few basketballs at school and have been benefiting from the students' own personal basketballs. If anyone has a basketball that is collecting dust, we'd be happy to dust it off for you!

In Social Studies, we have finished learning about the Roman Empire. The students really enjoyed this unit and I think we are all sad to see it go. We will be taking a break from *Story of the World* and will begin a unit on Canadian Geography! Students will learn about the provinces, territories, and geographical make-up of the country in which we live.

The grade 3's are hard at work on their final projects for *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. In hindsight, a due date of November 11 might have been slightly optimistic, so I've decided to give them one more week and extend their due date to **November 18**.

On Monday, we will be centering our activities to include Remembrance Day. This weekend, let us focus on being thankful to the LORD for living in a peaceful country. Let us also be thankful to the LORD for working in the hearts of men the desire to defend their country and let us always remember those that sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Praise the LORD!  
Mrs. Smith

Je me souviens. Et toi?

That is the title on my newest Bulletin board display for 'Le jour du Souvenir' in my classroom. We spent time this week talking about "les coquelicots" and why we wear them this time of year. We sang "O Canada" and I spent time teaching the words to grades 1-2. Speaking of words, they all did very well on their memorization of the first half of 'Notre Père. A couple of students learned the whole thing right away so they are off the hook for **Monday the 18th.**

Beau travail! It's a great way to impress your teacher. :-)

On Monday grade 6-7 will be doing a really great presentation on WW II. They have almost completed reading "Number the Stars". Also, I will be sending home copies of "Les Cimetères Flamands" for the students. Grades 6-7 will be reading it to the school in French and Grades 4-5 will read it in English on Monday as well. We had fun this week using 'Story Cubes' in French. The students were creating their own sentences and we made up a story together. It wasn't easy but they worked very hard. We also had fun with grades 1-2 remembering how to use 'le' and 'la' and the little tricks to show them being used. :-)

Bonne fin de semaine et souvenez-vous le 11 novembre.

Mme Ludwig

### **Spelling/Sight Words:**

**Grade 1:** *Sight words:* one, this my, would, me, will, yes *Spelling words:* hen, hill, nap, net, not, sand, sin, sit, sock, we

**Grade 2:** bunch, punch, lunch, crunch, ranch, branch, inch, pinch, patch, match, catch, latch, snatch, scratch, itch, ditch, switch, pitch, hitch, hutch, clutch, Jesus, Christ

**Grade 3:** light, tight, right, sight, night, flight, fright, bright, upright, sunlight, daylight, spotlight, midnight, flashlight, milkman, classmate, firefly, sunset, catfish, treetop, beehive, flagpole, bedtimes, mailbox, friend, family, Thanksgiving

**Grade 4:** fault, launch, vault, also, walnut, altar, salt, nightfall, baseball, recall, talking, sidewalk, beanstalk, false, because, usual, Ezekiel, Daniel

**Grade 5:** tribulation, vaccination, compete, competition, permission, compassion, possess, possession, confess, confession, division, confusion, decision, occasion, fashion, ocean, Wisconsin, Hawaii

**Grade 6:** diadem, diamond, diagnose, diagnosis, diagonal, dialect, dialogue, diameter, meter, thermometer, kilometer, decimeter, speedometer, odometer, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 135:3

**Star of the Week:** Olivia

### **Bible History:**

- Remembrance Day
- A paralytic healed and forgiven (Matt 9:1-13; Mark 2:1-17; Luke 5:17-32)
- Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath; healing on the Sabbath (Matt 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 6:1-11)