

# Junior Teacher Report

January - 2012

Happy New Year!

Welcome back after a few weeks away, relaxing with family and friends; I hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday. I would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, words and gifts, your thoughts mean so much to me. I feel very lucky to be a part of this unique community.

A special thanks goes out to all of the parents who helped make the last day before the break a special celebration. Additionally, a huge thank you to John Allcorn for spending every Wednesday in December bringing our social studies unit on Medieval Times alive in the classroom. Our students were lucky enough to see authentic period clothes, weapons and food, as well as produce their own (heraldry) family shield. Also, thank you to Daphne Gardiner for felting with 45 children - an ambitious and successful endeavour! What an incredible month of hands-on learning!

Here is what's on tap for this month:

## Literacy

- ⑩ we will wrap up our unit on traditional literature
- ⑩ we will begin persuasive writing and speech writing
- ⑩ we will continue with our spelling program
- ⑩ guided reading groups
- ⑩ we will be looking at *voice and word choice* in our read alouds, shared readings and write alouds

## Math

- ⑩ we are wrapping up geometry in the first week of January
- ⑩ all grades will then study number sense and numeration this month (multiplication facts, division, whole numbers, place value, mixed

numbers, decimals and fractions)

- ⑩ to support your child at home, please work on multiplication facts

### **Science**

- ⑩ Science Fair projects begin this month - expect more information later this week

### **Social Studies**

- ⑩ we will wrap up our study of medieval times this month; we will have a "Medieval Festival", where students will come in role and deliver a small presentation on their "character" or topic
- ⑩ the Festival will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:40-2:30, all parents welcome

### **Drama**

- ⑩ our drama theme is animals this month

### **Art/Music**

- ⑩ we will integrate music and visual art this month
- ⑩ students will create instruments out of found/recycled materials, as well as present a short piece of music

### **Special Dates**

January 9 - skating resumes

January 9 - parent meeting

January 11 - trip committee meeting, Junior room 3:30

January 18 - Family Day meeting, Junior room 3:30

January 20 - Belleville Library visit

January 26 - Junior Medieval Festival, 1:40-2:30

February 3 - PA Day

February 20 - Family Day at the Frink Centre

