

Junior Teacher Report

November 2011

October was a thrilling month, full of exciting learning activities, events and trips. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who made October educational, memorable and just plain fun! The fun and adventure continue into November, as we collectively work together to pull off our first Art Show. Here are the areas of focus for November:

Literacy

- we continue to work on using a wide range reading comprehension strategies to deepen our understanding of what we read, as well as developing meaningful reading responses during teacher read alouds and independent reading
- we will begin to look at traditional literature towards the end of the month, coinciding with our study of Medieval Times
- we also continue to look at paragraph structure and writing with fluency

Math

- we are finishing up our unit on whole numbers (the important thing in this unit is developing *a variety* of strategies for basic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- *please monitor your child's progress in this unit by being involved with homework - it is a chance for one-on-one time together and extra practise
- next unit will focus on geometry

Science

- we continue with our study of flight
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Social Studies

- students are developing mapping skills by tracking the journeys of early pilots
- we will begin a unit on Medieval Times later in the month

Art

- portrait art

Drama

- folklore

Dates to Remember:

every Monday - skating

Nov. 10 - evening candle light vigil at the Trenton Cenotaph

Nov. 11 - school remembrance Day assembly (time TBA)

Nov. 17 - Junior trip to Toronto to Medieval Times

Nov. 18 - Progress Reports go home

Nov. 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 24 - Belleville Library/Gallery

Nov. 20 - Santa Parade (families can meet in front of the Cafe E)

Nov. 27 - Art Show at the Belleville Club (*all families encouraged to attend*)