

LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Students will read daily in class from levelled books and familiar texts. They will work with the teacher in small flexible ability based groups to build decoding, phonics, and comprehension skills.

Students will complete a writing task in their Journal on a weekly basis to build writing and receive personalized feedback and next steps.

Reading Responses will also be completed based on books we read aloud to help students learn to talk and think about their reading. Skills like Recall and summary will be focused on in Term 1 and build towards inferencing and drawing conclusions for Term 3.

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

- ✓ Practice on RAZ kids daily
- ✓ Read aloud together, using your finger to point to the words
- ✓ Talk about movies , books, or tv shows you watch together

MATH PROGRAM

Students will work in Math Makes Sense workbooks at school and learn to use different tools on a daily basis to support their mathematical sensibility.

In Term One, we will focus on making numbers, count in a variety of ways and learning to add and subtract. We will also look at making, extending and describing patterns.

By the end of Term Three, we will cover all 5 strands twice:

Number Sense and Numeration
Measurement
Geometry and Spatial Sense
Data Management and Probability
Patterning and Algebra

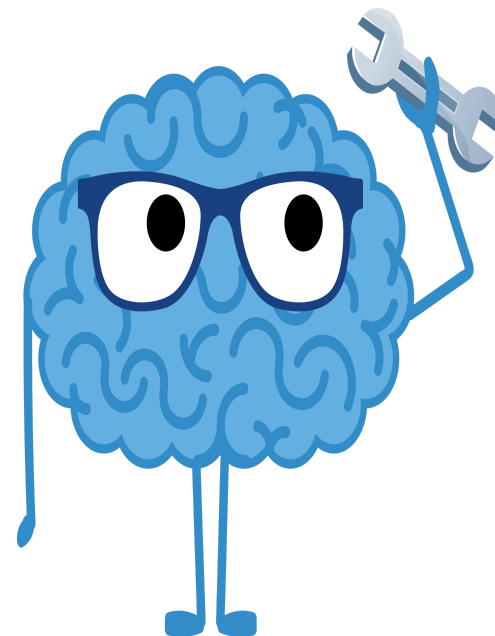
HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

- ✓ Practice on Prodigy.com
- ✓ Model problem solving and encourage your child to participate in solving problems.
- ✓ Play games together that support learning like Snakes and Ladders or other board or card games

Grade 1

in Room 105

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SOCIAL STUDIES

In every grade, there are two major topics for Social Studies. In Grade One, they are:

Changing Roles and Responsibilities, where students learn to reflect on their own lives and compare themselves to others in their own class and community, but also people from different cultures and experiences.

The Local Community, where we look more closely at Community Helpers, mapping, and creating action plans to support our own community in small ways.

SCIENCE

There are 4 topics in Science every year. In Grade One, they are:

- ✓ Energy In Our Lives
- ✓ Daily and Seasonal Changes
- ✓ Needs and Characteristics of Living Things
- ✓ Materials, Objects, and Everyday Structures

EXTENDING LEARNING:

PROJECTS

In past years, we've had 4 projects over the course of the school year that allow students to get a little deeper into a topic. These projects are done at home and provide an opportunity to work alongside your child and help them learn to manage a larger task.

Typically, these projects support Social Studies or Science Curriculum. Though I do change things up based on student interest, past projects have typically included:

- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Energy (making a toy or instrument)
- ✓ Animal research
- ✓ Construction based project (e.g. Making a Birdhouse)

FIELD TRIPS AND IN- CLASS EXPERIENCES

This year, I'm excited we've gotten into High Park Nature Centre's Through the Season Program, which means we'll do 3 field trips there through the year. We will also enjoy Scientists in Schools and SciHigh programs in our classroom. Your support as a volunteer is essential to make these things happen.

STAYING ORGANIZED

- ✓ Bring Mr. Zippy every day
- ✓ Label your child's gear
- ✓ Wet shoes/umbrellas will dry by radiators in hall
- ✓ Have indoor shoes that stay at school for rainy days and gym
- ✓ Use the Lunch Bins, Shoe Bins, Cubby Hooks, not the floor!
- ✓ Keep in touch.

WHAT ELSE?

Coming to school on time every day will help build positive routines and support student learning.

I'm looking forward to a great year filled with learning together.

Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer!