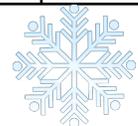


January 2016

Ms. Greatrex Gr. 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pizza
4 Gym Library Subway	5	6	7 Gym Barrie Colts Night	8 Pizza
11 Gym Library Subway	12	13	14 Gym Book Orders due	15 Pizza
18 Gym Library Math Test Subway	19	20	21 Gym	22 Pizza
25 Gym Library Subway	26	27	28 Gym Pizza Sunnybrae Literacy Day	29 PA Day



Happy New Year!

Thank you very much to families for all of their support during the busy month of December!

A big bulldog cheer to Mrs. Kyler and Mrs. Street and our Grade 8 helper for helping us battle the icing as we made our "gingerbread" creations. Thank you for sending in candies for your children to decorate with.

We had a lot of fun building our tasty treats!

Our holiday concert performance was a big hit! Students did a terrific job filming, rehearsing and performing our songs complete with Sign Language. Well done boys and girls!

Students have been hard at work using the app Explain Everything to add items to their digital portfolios on Seesaw. Thank you to everyone who has started accessing their child's portfolio. Please feel free to comment on your child's work.



January 28th

On January 28th we will be celebrating Family Literacy with our 'Sunnybrae Family'. Students are invited to come dressed up as their favourite book character. As well, students are asked to bring in their favourite book from home. We will be reading these as part of our reading workshop.

Reading



In reading, students have become "Digger the Dog" as they dig for the facts in non-fiction texts. Students have chosen an animal and have begun doing some research. They are reading and writing down the important information in their own words. A great website to checkout is pebblego.com. You can get there from our classroom website homepage. Simply click on the link and launch the database. Your child is becoming a pro at this.



Makerspace is a place where students can gather to create, invent, tinker and explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials. This month students will begin exploring! We are asking families to send in any recyclable materials that can be used for building in our classroom. Please send in things like toilet paper rolls, small boxes etc.



Writing, writing and more writing! All of our hard work in writing is certainly paying off. Everyone's writing has improved. Good job boys and girls! This month we will be writing procedures, step by step instructions, for how to do different things. When cooking at home, ask your child to help you to follow the recipe. Playing a favourite game, or learning a new one? Have your child check out the procedure for playing!

We will also continue writing letters to our pen pals in Arkansas. We should be receiving letters this month. Letters are always such fun to write and receive! Why not have your child write a letter to a family member? Remind them about capital letters, periods and to use lowercase letters correctly. Letter writing is a terrific way to practice using writing conventions correctly.



Math

This month we will finish up our unit on patterning and will begin looking at measurement. Please have your child begin practicing telling time at home using a digital and analog clock. This is an important life skill to master.

Along with telling time and measuring objects, we will begin "Karate Math". Karate Math is a fun way for students to get motivated to learn their math facts. Students will all begin as white belts, and as they learn their addition and subtraction facts, they will move up belts. For example, knowing numbers plus zero facts is white belt. Knowing numbers plus one facts is yellow belt for grade 1's. Students will take regular timed tests, and will need to get a certain number correct within a couple minutes to move up belts. This program will allow students to move at their pace and motivate them to get practicing at home. This practice at home can be done using links to websites that can be found on our class website, playing math games, asking the facts etc. There are even some great apps to practice math facts that kids can download onto ipods.