

# January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to begin by wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year! We hope the Christmas break gave you an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with your family.

## French

### Reading

We will continue our French reading homework which should be completed 2-3 times per week and our reading groups twice a week. We are on the hunt for French literacy in the community and around us. Any French signs that you see in your travels, please take a picture of them and post or message them on the Teams page. We don't see many in Smiths Falls, but keep your eyes peeled (especially our hockey friends that might travel to French communities!) Near the end of the month I will be PM benchmarking the students and will let you know how their reading has progressed from their October PM level. The reading power we will be working on is visualization.

**Writing:** We will be working on our personal voice and communicating a clear point of view. We will be looking for more explanation in their written work (ex parce que).

On a side note, Family Literacy Day is January 27th. We are still looking for mystery readers in French. We would LOVE to have mystery reader on Friday January 26th to kick off Family Literacy Day!

### Oral expression

We have been working hard on expressing ourselves in French and being an active listener who can recall and re-state in their own words what has been communicated. Students will be working on reciting poems in paragraph and rehearsing with a peer before presenting. As a class we are working on communicating only in French so we can early our leprechaun money to bake as special treat! I am reminding students that the more they express themselves in French, the more confident they will feel and the more they learn!

### Science

We will begin our unit on Understanding Earth and Space Systems, specifically looking at Air and Water in the Environment.

### Gym/Health

We will be focusing on Basketball for the month of January. Standing up for yourself will be the Health focus.

### The Arts

**Music:** Form and duration

**Art:** Shape, form and duration

**Drama:** Near the end of the month we will begin our play "Comment y aller"

### English

Our new focus in reading is on visualization. In writing we are learning to write paragraphs with supporting details. As well as pieces that focus on explanation.

### Religion

We are discussing ways in which we can have a successful New Year.

### Math

Our focus will be on measurement using non standard units such as cubes or strings.

## Grade 2 Immersion



Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school (613-283-1848) between 8:15-3:45 Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mme. Carroll and Mrs. Ryan

## Dates to remember:

**Friday January 26th at 10:00am** Mass at St James

**Saturday January 27th:** Family literacy day! Snuggle up and read a book as a family!

**Tuesday January 30th at 1:30pm** Terrific Kids assembly

**Wednesday March 21st at 6:30pm** First Reconciliation

**Sunday April 29th at 10:30-** First Communion