



May



1Vesely Newsletter Pat Hardy Primary School

Welcome to the month of May! We are seeing more and more of the warm weather and sunshine that we love. With the start of May, comes the start of some very hard work in our Grade One classrooms. The end of the year is approaching quickly and we are beginning to prepare students for next year. It is very important to continue to read and practice sight/spelling words on a nightly basis! Please practice the teen numbers with your child. Ask them to print the number and tell you what it is made of. For example 18 is made of 10 and 8 or 9 and 9. Mix up the order and ask your child to tell you what number is 2 more/ 2 less than the teen numbers. For example 2 less than 18 is 16.

Language Arts

We will continue to work on our Sight/Spelling Words this month. By the end of May students should know approximately 150 words. These words must be automatic (read as quickly as you can snap your finger). We will also continue to develop our reading skills and writing skills through many Spring activities. In our writing we are working on writing detailed sentences and using connecting words to join our sentences (and, because, but). When reading, please make sure to ask your child questions about the book. Students are also practicing their research skills this month.

Social Studies

We are now learning about Past and Present. Students will learn about how their families and community were different in the past than they are today. This includes our ancestors, traditions, celebrations, and culture.

Mathematics

We are working on addition and subtraction to 20 this month as well as showing numbers to 20. Students are also working on their mental math strategies ie. being able to use strategies for adding and subtracting in their heads. The teen numbers are very tricky for grade one students. Please practice printing the teen numbers with your child and ask them what each number would look like if it was (10+). For example 17 would be 10+7. Students are also practicing estimating numbers to 20 and creating problem solving questions.

Science

Students are working on our building unit this month. Please see the note that was sent home on May 1st for more information. We are also working on animal research.

Reminders

- Please check out the attached calendar for important days this month. These dates may change and new dates may be added. Please ensure you are watching for notes that are sent home if anything changes! You can also find the calendar on the school website.
- There are 4 swimming lessons this month. Parent volunteers are not required for these swim times.
- We have our final fun swim on May 26th. We will need 4 parent swimmers to go with us.

Birthdays

Farah- May 4th
Lacy- May 6th
Micah- May 10th
Mya- May 17th

