This Week in Grade Four McConaghy Monday, Nov. 26 –Friday, Nov. 30, 2018

It was great to meet with so many parents during Parent Teacher Conferences. It was amazing to share all the success stories and to receive parent feed back. If you did not book a time or were unable to make any of the available time slots please contact me at Mary.McConaghy@ nbed.nb.ca, so we can set up a time to meet. I had indicated that I would like to meet with every student’s parent/parents/guardian. I believe it is important to meet with all parents during first term Parent Teacher Conferences. It provides an opportunity for us to connect. I look forward to meeting with those who were unable to attend during designated Parent Teacher Conference slots.

Congratulations to all my students. I was wowed by how wonderful their First Term Report Cards were! Way to go! You all made me proud! Remember no matter how incredible your Report Card was there is always room for improvement!

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**Upcoming dates:**

- Thursday, November 29 ~ Hot lunch orders for December due / Last day to order Christmas Dinner

- Friday, November 30~ Movie Night (6:00-7:30)

**Math**

We are fortunate to have the continued support of Mrs. McArthur, Math Lead. We are enjoying all the new games she is teaching us. So far she has worked with us on addition (5 digit plus 5 digit), subtraction with regrouping. Most students are now able to meet with success in addition. However, there are still couple of students struggling with subtraction with regrouping. We will continue to work with those students.

It is important that students continue to work on mastering their multiplication facts. In the near future we will be delving into Multiplication and Division.

**Literacy**

In Literacy we are learning how to compare and contrast animals. This skill will be a valuable learning tool when students are required to compare and contrast

Fiction and nonfiction pieces of writing.

We continue to increase our bank of words with enriched vocabulary in place of the same words used over and over. We identify these words from books we read and The Word of The Day. Next time you hear your child using a different word be sure to ask where they learned it and what it means.

Increasing our word banks carries over into Writing. We have been focused on adding new words to our day to day writing (Word Choice).We will also continue to work and focus on the proper use of upper case letters, punctuation, not having upper case letters in the middle of words and the middle of sentences (unless the word is a proper noun).

The next step is to work on increasing the length of pieces of writing.

**Health**

In Health, we have been learning about the various parts of the brain and what each part of the brain is responsible for. We have also been discussing The Rights of a Child.

The characteristic we will be working on during December is Self - Control. This will be a valuable tool for everyone!

**Science**

We will continue our unit on Rocks and Minerals. If any students have a rock collection or samples of rocks and minerals they are more than welcome to bring them in to share with the class. This week we will be learning about the layers of earth and how rocks are formed.

**Social Studies**

We will continue to learn about famous explorers and what it means to be an explorer.

**Christmas Concert**

I have decided what we will sing in The Christmas Concert. I hope to speak to my class about the various options and decide as a class. The words for whatever song we select will be sent home by the end of the week. Students are expected to practice / learn the lyrics as homework on a nightly basis.

Stay in touch!

If there are any of **my families** who need a little extra support, as you prepare for Christmas, please contact me? If possible, I will help out by purchasing a small item/necessity or helping with groceries.

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