



PREP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Reading

This term in Reading, students will be focusing on aspects of the writer's craft and text structure developing their analysing and inferring skills. During our analysing unit, the preps will learn about the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts, their features and structure and how the ideas in the text are related to the title. During our inferring unit, students will learn to use clues in the text and their prior knowledge to infer how a character feels when reading; thinking about what the writer means, but it not said.

Writing

This term in Writing, prep students will be learning to retell a narrative. They will be sequencing pictures from well known fairy tales to help them orally retell the beginning, middle and end of the story. They will move on to drawing and labelling the characters and events in each story in order.

Prep students will also be given the opportunity to write a range of texts, such as thank you notes, invitations and birthday cards, using a range of vocabulary.

Prep students will also continue working with their grade 6 buddy to write and illustrate a wide range of language experience books.

Mathematics

Prep students will begin term 4 exploring the mass of familiar objects. Students will compare the mass of different objects around the classroom by hefting and using balance scales. Students will then move onto exploring Place Value by continuing their work with numbers up to 20. Students will continue to connect number names and numerals, as well as, exploring tens and ones. The preps will move on to acting out stories to show sharing and the concepts of fair and equal. The preps will then move on to exploring the concept of time, where they will have the opportunity to use a range of language, such as morning, afternoon, night when describing familiar events. Students will end the term using simple statements and gestures to describe location and comparing the capacity of familiar objects.

Inquiry

This term in Inquiry, prep students will be learning about how people care for places that are special to them. We will be discussing what makes a place special and how we can look after those special places. We will start by focusing on personal special places such as classrooms, bedrooms and homes and later in the term we will look at places in the community that are special such as schools and parks. This ties in with the Prep Excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm where the students will be looking at farms and how we can look after these places.

Prep students will continue to learn about respect, one of the school values, in weekly lessons. The lessons will focus on how students can show respect in the classroom, around the school and towards themselves and others.

Excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm - Friday November 30th
More information coming soon!



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SCIENCE

This term in Science, Grade Prep students will be focusing on the Earth and Space Science strand. Students will be identifying common features found in the sky such as the sun, clouds, moon, wind and rain, exploring weather events like rainy, snowy, sunny and cloudy. Students will recognise the changes that weather goes through throughout the year due to seasons, as well as, understanding, which types of clothes to wear for particular weather. Students will be involved in many interesting and hands on science experiments as well as becoming weather forecasters themselves. An exciting term of Science ahead!

ART

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