



Dasman Model School

Grade 2 Newsletter

October 31, 2007

Dear Parents,

Please note that your child will be studying the following topics at school for the next four weeks.

English - Teachers: Mrs. Ayesha Altaf, Ms. Hazel Williams

□ Week of Nov. 4:

- **Reading:** We will start reading The Puddle, pages 62-82 in the Harcourt and Brace Book, Collections 'Set Sail'. Discussion and questions at the end of each page. Elicit: meanings of words, describing words, opposites and emotions. Mapping of ideas, and questions and written answers to produce a sequence of events to be submitted for correction.
- **Grammar:** Nouns – definition, identification of nouns – random, in sentences, listing nouns from a picture – Grammar Practice Book, pages 24-25.
- **Writing:** Students will be given a writing assignment that they have to complete in class. Journals. Saxon Phonics – Digraph ck – Lesson 10.
- **Spelling:** Words with double consonants in the middle – happy, winner, funny, kitten, summer, hello, rabbit, better, little, happen. Dolch HFW Sentence – The children **washed their** hands in the **cold** water. Spelling test and phonic dictation – CVC words on Nov. 8th. Sight words: eight, do, who

□ Week of Nov. 11:

- **Reading:** We will continue The Puddle from last week.
- **Grammar:** Common Nouns and Proper Nouns – definition, identification of each type – random, in sentences – Grammar Practice Book, pages 33-34 – people, places and special animals..
- **Writing:** Review the story and their sequence of events which forms a draft of the story. This is to be re-written as their final piece of writing. 6+1 Traits. Journals. Saxon Phonics – Revision.
- **Spelling:** Words – her, hurt, bird, heard, girl, turn, learn, first, were, third. Dolch HFW Sentence – I **wish** we could **buy five fast** cars to drive **around** in. Spelling test and phonic dictation – CVC words on November 15th. Sight words: to, four, eight.

□ Week of Nov. 18:

- **Reading:** We will start reading Poppleton – Everyday – The New Bed, pages 88-111 in the Harcourt and Brace Book, Collections 'Set Sail'. Discussion and questions at the end of each page. Elicit: meanings of words, describing words, opposites and emotions. Mapping of ideas, and questions and written answers to produce a sequence of events to be submitted for correction.
- **Grammar:** Use of am, is and are in simple sentences – happening now.
- **Writing:** Students will be given a writing assignment that they have to complete in class. Journals. Saxon Phonics – Digraph th (voiced and unvoiced) – Lesson 12.
- **Spelling:** Words – now, sound, out, mouth, cloud, town, clown, found, outside, crowd. Dolch HFW Sentence – **These** girls **don't** like to **sing** now **because** it **would** make them late. Spelling test and phonic dictation – CVC words on November 22nd. Sight words: from, have, into.

□ Week of Nov. 25:

- **Reading:** We will continue Poppleton – Everyday – The New Bed, from last week.
- **Grammar:** Revision from Grade 1 - Naming and Telling Parts of a Sentence. **Topics for English Test-Nouns- Proper and Common, use of am, is and are, jumbled sentences.**
- **Writing:** Review the story and their sequence of events which forms a draft of the story. This is to be re-written as their final piece of writing. 6+1 Traits. Journals.
- **Spelling:** Words – bark, look, black, back, took, clock, book, duck, rock, pick. Dolch HFW Sentence – We have **been calling** you to ask if we can **use your** boat. Spelling test and phonic dictation – CVC words on November 29th.

Math - Mrs. May Teacher:

- Week of Nov. 4: Identify ordinal positions from first to 20th. (Pages 35 +36). Homework in Reteach Book (pages RW13).
- Week of Nov. 11: Comparing two digit numbers using $>$, $<$ or $=$. Harcourt textbook, pages 37 + 38 plus Homework in Reteach workbook (page RW12).
- Week of Nov. 18: Using the problem solving skills to solve a problem Harcourt Book, pages 43 + 44. Homework in Reteach workbook (page RW15).
- Week of Nov 25: Counting to find the sum and exploring doubles and doubles plus one fact, (pages 75, 76, 77), Homework in Reteachbook (page RW25).

Science - Teachers: Mrs Ayesha, Mrs May, Mrs Hazel

- Week of Nov. 4: We will look at Life in a Desert - B18-B21. We will look characteristics of a desert. We will discuss what lives in a desert – plants and animals and identify their features. We will explore and draw a conclusion about how a leaf shape helps a plant to retain water.
- Week of Nov. 11: We will continue with Life in a Desert – B18-B21. **We will revise Life in a Rainforest and Life in a Desert in preparation for the test on 11-15 November.**
- Week of Nov. 18: We will look at Life in the Artic – B22-B25. We will look at the Artic and its characteristics. We will discuss the plants and animals live there and how these living things meet their needs.
- Week of Nov. 25: We will continue with Life in the Artic – B22-B25. Discuss how an animal's colour can help it to stay safe.

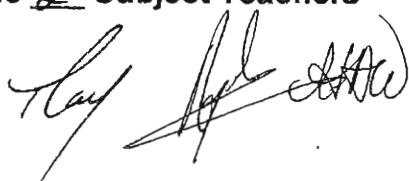
Review of Upcoming Tests

Science – 15 November
English – 29 November

Homework Diaries: Please make sure you sign your child's homework diary every night. All homework assignments and tests will be written into their diaries.

Materials: Your child is expected to purchase the following materials for school: pencils, erasers, colouring pencils.

Grade 2 Subject Teachers



Principal

