

March Newsletter - Room 10

As everyone is aware, I am going to be having my baby in April. Just to let you know, my last day at Jacob Beam will be Friday March 13. I will be starting my maternity leave on Mon. March 23. I have enjoyed teaching your children this year and look forward to seeing them when I return next year to see how much they have learned and grown. Thank-you for making my first year at Jacob Beam an enjoyable one.

In Math we are currently learning about Probability. Your children are learning many new terms and their meanings. Trying to incorporate these terms into your everyday conversations will help them to understand and apply them better in math. Some of the grade 1 terms used are : always, never, chance, likely, unlikely, sometimes, possible and impossible. The grade 2's should know the grade 1 terms as well as the word "certain".

As always, please read with your child whenever possible. If they are struggling, remind them to use Star Strategies such as: Sounding out, Finding little words in big words and Looking at the pictures to help them decipher unknown words. For stronger readers you can use Star Strategies such as Activate your Schema (what do I already know about what I'm reading?), Making connections (what does this remind me of?) or Questioning (asking and answering questions before, during and after reading). All of these strategies will help to improve your child's reading and understanding of text.

In Writing we will be looking at 2 different forms of persuasive writing, an advertisement and a letter. Persuasive writing allows students to argue and persuade others to agree with their point of view. Discuss flyers and advertisements with your child and have them explain why they think a particular ad would "persuade" them to buy that product or not. How would they convince others to buy that product? If your child asks permission to do something they really want to do, have them write a short letter trying to "persuade" you to allow them to do what they are asking.

March Break this year is from March 16-20. I hope you and your family will have a safe and enjoyable holiday. School will start again on Mon. March 23.

HAVE A SAFE MARCH BREAK!

