



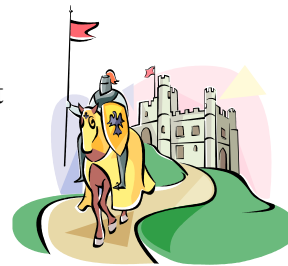
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Curriculum Connections: What's Happening This Month?

Now that we have settled into our groove, I would like to officially welcome you to another great year at Gainsborough! As many of you know, I spent the past year on maternity leave with my beautiful daughter, Kayleigh. Although I enjoyed my time off immensely, I am thrilled to be back teaching half-time.

In Reading this month, we are working on the Making Connections and Making Predictions strategies. The daily teacher read-aloud for October and November is "Castle in the Attic" by Elizabeth Winthrop. In Writing, we are working on paragraphs and letters. We will be focusing on five paragraph reports and descriptive pieces later this month. For Weekly Word Work (WWW), each student was given a set of words to practice for the week. These words were chosen based on the results of a written spelling pattern test. Every Monday, your child will be quizzed on the words he or she worked on the previous week.

Our focus in Social Studies for both grades has been life in Medieval Times. We have been discussing what the daily life of a child was like and comparing the homes of that time to homes of today. We are currently working on building a model of a medieval serf's house. The Grade 3s will be branching off and beginning their pioneer unit shortly.



At Home Reading Program

I am pleased to report that the At-Home Reading Program is underway. All students have been given an At-Home Reading duotang and have either selected or been assigned a book to read at home. If your child has not yet started reading at home, please follow up with your child promptly. The expectations for the program have been clearly outlined on the second page of your child's At-Home Reading duotang. If you have any questions regarding this program, please let me know.

Star Students in Room 11!

Congratulations to Jason & Grace who both won September's "Student of the Month" Award for **Respect**. They have been positive role-models for other students by consistently demonstrating respectful behaviour inside and outside of the classroom. Way to go, Jason & Grace!

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Dates to Remember

- Oct. 18th- 20th Book Fair
- Oct. 20th Pizza Day Grade 3 Trip
- Oct. 24th & 31st Weekly Word Work Quiz
- Oct. 27th Pizza Day
- Oct. 28th Student of the Month
- Oct. 31st Harvest Hoot
- Nov. 1st Photo Re-takes

Important Things to Remember

Please

- read and sign your child's agenda daily
- read with your child at home on a regular basis and follow the At-Home Reading Program
- help your child prepare for Weekly Word Work (WWW) quizzes
- please contact me at the school of you have any questions or concerns

