



## March Grade 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I would first like to thank all the parents and students who helped make our Valentine's Party a little more special. We all had a tremendous amount of fun and enjoyed all the snacks and juice.

Term Two is now coming to an end. We will be presenting our Pioneer Social Studies posters this week. They have worked really hard and their posters look beautiful. We will continue to learn about their life and times, and head into science next. Our focus will be on Life Systems. I was able to obtain tomato seeds from the Tomatosphere project – these seeds were on board the International Space station! By watching these seeds grow, we will learn about the elements of life support required for space missions – food, water, oxygen and the need to consume carbon dioxide exhaled by crewmembers. Travelling to and from Mars - the closest planet to Earth - could take almost three years. It's imperative to know how to grow food for the journey there, the stay on Mars and the return journey. The results from our science experiments will help scientists to understand some of the issues related to long-term space travel, and will be fun!

Math's focus is now on geometric relationships and location and movement. They have all studied area before, but this is a fun, creative way of accomplishing it, plus, they all love working on a grid. I would also like to thank the family members who assisted their child with the addition and subtraction homework. The extra work really increased their skills and confidence!

Our Woodend Trip was a huge success! We had the 'perfect' day to go – lots of snow and sun. We all trudged through the snowy woods with our brand-new snowshoes, searched for wildlife with Mrs. Mawson, learned new facts with Ms. Kamendy and cross-country skied. We had a great time at all the activities, a great hot dog barbeque lunch, and finished the day off with a awesome game of hide-and-seek. We were all proud of our students; they did a great job, and had a great time.

March Break is approaching fast. We will be cleaning out our lockers before we go home for a whole week. Classes resume March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our report cards go home March 26<sup>th</sup>. Please sign and return the third page with the envelope.

Don't forget our Bag-a-Books on Fridays. In addition please remember one book report is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, so one is due today.

Congratulations to Grania and Tiffany for displaying the trait of "Courage" and earning our student of the month awards. We received a dog tag pendant that represented Courage for our Character Trait necklaces. Next month the focus will be on Healthy Living and we look forward to developing this character trait, along with respect, co-operation, optimism, caring, perseverance and courage from the previous months.

Please remember to have your child dress for the weather. It is very cold and snowy outside and students need to be wearing warm jackets, mittens, hats and scarves. Students should have a change of clothing, including an extra pair of socks, to be left in their locker at all times, as their clothing gets wet. Most students already have their indoor shoes at school.

Please note on the calendar the change to our skating excursion. It was scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but has been changed to the 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please make sure that they bring their skates and helmets with them. Parents, please join us!

Mad Science is continuing. They students are thoroughly enjoying it. They are very excited and love the take-home activities. The classes continue every Wednesday at 10:25.

I hope you have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day, and a safe and happy March Break!

Thank you!

*Mrs. L. Leason*

## March 2010 - Grade 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	PALS Gym	Choir Gym	Mad Science 10:25  L.L.	Skating 11:30 - 12:30  PALS	Pizza Day  Tribes Shirts	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Special Luncheon  Gym Mad Science 10:25  Library L.L.	Gym  Pizza  Bottle Water Fee Day	Gym	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<b>B</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b> 	<b>A</b>	<b>K</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Gym	Choir  School-Wide Teams Assembly  Primary Divisional Assembly 2:00	Popcorn  L.L.  Fruit Kabobs  Mad Science 10:25		Western Day  Pizza  Report Cards Go Home	Earth Hour  
28	29	30	31			
			Mad Science 10:25 Gym Library Popcorn  L.L.			