

# September News!

## This Month We Will Learn...

Brought to you by Mrs. T. and her amazing grade 4's!



Curriculum Area	Specific Areas of Focus
<u>Mathematics</u> Exploring the five strands of math!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- place value of numbers to 9999</li> <li>- comparing/ordering/rounding numbers</li> <li>- we begin "Problem of the Week"</li> <li>- surveys, creating bar graphs</li> </ul>
<u>Language Arts</u> Developing reading, writing and oral skills!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Getting to Know You" activities</li> <li>- choosing "just right" books to read</li> <li>- introduction to "Have-a-Go-Pads" and our "Working with Words" activities</li> </ul>
<u>Integrated Studies</u> Investigating science, social studies and health topics!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Habitats Unit/investigating habitats, communities and ecosystems</li> <li>- developing research skills</li> <li>- learning about endangered species and how we can solve their problems</li> </ul>
<u>The Arts</u> Working creatively in visual arts, music and drama and dance!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- exploring "line" and "depth"</li> <li>- introduction to art notebooks</li> <li>- music games / Autumn songs</li> </ul>
<u>Physical Education</u> Building a healthy body through physical activity!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- warm up and stretching routines</li> <li>- soccer skills</li> <li>- cooperative games</li> </ul>
<u>Computer Technology</u> Developing computer skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- keyboarding and word processing basics with WordPerfect.</li> </ul>

## Back to School

### Mrs. T.'s Brag Box - Awesome Students!

This is my favourite place as a teacher - I get to brag, brag and brag about my students! Watch next month for a report on something special that I have noticed about each person in our classroom!



### The Home School Connection

Here are some at-home activities to support what we are doing in class this month.

- review addition and subtraction facts to 20
- visit the library to collect books on various habitats
- participate in our nightly reading program
- set some personal and academic goals for this school year



### Helping At Home to Develop Reading Comprehension



There is a lot more to reading than just pronouncing words! As readers we need to decode the words and understand and interpret what we read. Here are some questions you can ask your child about his/her reading:

- *What problem did the main character face? How do you think he/she is going to solve it? How would you solve it yourself?*
- *What message or lesson do you think the author is trying to get across to you as the reader?*
- *Do any parts of the story remind you of anything in your own life?*
- *What characteristics does the main character have? How do you know?*