

# La gazette de l'ère année

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### What's New:

#### Recess:

This winter has been a lengthy one despite above average temperatures and we look forward to sunshine and warmer weather in the near future. Although the robins have returned and a few people have noted some crocuses popping up their heads, it is likely we will still experience some more precipitation and cool temperatures before spring is officially here. While students are expected to remain within designated boundaries due to wet or icy conditions, at times they unintentionally get muddy or soggy. In order to avoid phone calls requesting fresh clothes, you are encouraged to provide a complete change of clothes that can be kept at school for emergencies. Extra mitts and socks are also recommended.

### In Each Subject

#### Language:

To enhance details in their speaking and writing experiences, students are encouraged to review weekly vocabulary sent home in the Vocabulary Book throughout the year. Students are encouraged to add rich vocabulary to their writing as they prepare stories to share with their peers and their families. Our Classroom Journal Mascot will soon begin visiting students and we are excited to see rich writing and neat printing to record each experience.

During the March holidays, students are encouraged to continue using French vocabulary as often as possible. Watching familiar TV and DVDs in French can also broaden their oral vocabulary which will directly enhance their reading, writing, and comprehension in many subject areas.

**We continue to encourage students to speak French in the classroom. It is challenging for them, but it is imperative for them to develop enriched vocabulary and fluency.**

#### Home Reading Program:

Please let me know if you would like some addition reading material during the March Break.

Happy Reading!

### Mathematics:



Throughout the month of March students will extend addition and subtraction strategies as they compare the results of two solutions. A few useful terms include:

**plus que (>)** greater than

**moins que (<)** less than

**autant que / égale (=)** equal to

In addition to building confidence with the above concepts, we will examine 3-D shapes and their attributes. We will also extend measurement concepts recently studied to geometry when we examine the area and perimeter of various shapes. In early April, will hope to look at symmetry and positional vocabulary to describe the location of figures, as well as creating figures using geometric shapes.

Students are encouraged to continue practising the concepts of addition, subtraction, comparative algebra, and measurement throughout the March Holidays.

### Science

We have recently explored various materials and the strengths and limitations of these materials for various purposes. We will soon extend this knowledge to structures as we explore various manmade and naturally occurring structures. Important terms include:

**Ossature** = a framed structure (ladder/ bridge / spider web)

**Coque** = a hollow structure (water bottle, fire hydrant, egg)

**Plein** = a solid structure (mountain, rock, spoon)

### Social Studies

Thank you to everyone who took time to submit photos to begin our Social Studies Family Project. We hope you enjoyed the explorations and discussions the photo selection prompted as you prepared a collection of pictures for this assignment. We look forward to creating our photo stories to share with you later this term.

### Important Dates

March 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – March Break

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Twinsie Day

March 28<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Hour

