

MR. JOHN - GRADE FIVE

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The International School



A Recap...

Hello and welcome to the New Year everyone! I trust and hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and memorable break filled with plenty of family time. In English, we began and completed Charlottes Web, a short and less complicated book than the BFG. The book was intended to be a bit of a respite from the complications of the BFG. Students were, nevertheless, introduced to a series of new words, and continued to build upon their understandings of core analytical skills. We've also begun to collaborate with Marta and the Polish grammar program. Working on their presentation skills, the National Geographic projects are intended to build confidence while speaking publically in English. In Science, we finished our Weather unit. Exploring topics such as extreme weather, global warming, and the water cycle, the unit focused primarily on the ways that weather works, and how global shifts in temperatures have affected weather and climate. In Math, students have been working with equations and number patterns. I wanted to try and motivate students to get excited about Math, so in this unit, I tried to show students ways in which Math has solved a variety of real world problems. So far, results have been fruitful, and to the best of my ability, I will try to continue to do this where appropriate. In Social Studies, the topic has been the results of first contact. We will be continuing to analyze this topic into the New Year. Thank you all once again for working with me to encourage growth and development. I think that our great collaboration cross programs has been fantastic, and the results speak for themselves. I always tell the students, "it doesn't matter where we start, only where we end up" and I can positively say that students are making huge improvements thanks to all of the work that we've been putting in at home and in the classroom.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

English Charlottes Web Unit Test

10/01/20

Parent-Teacher End of Semester Meetings

14/01/20

Social Studies Unit Test

17/01/20