

MR. JOHN - GRADE EIGHT

DECEMBER

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. I trust and hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and memorable break filled with plenty of family time. Though a New Year has begun, looking back at the year so far, so much has been accomplished! As the New Year, and new semester commences, let's take a quick look back at what was completed in December. In English, we finished *Life of Pi*, culminating with a small quiz and a creative project. *Life of Pi* was quite a challenging book for the class, and with this in mind, our next unit will be focusing on building up upon core skills in language acquisition. Using *Keystone*, students will be focusing more on writing techniques, argumentative strategies and sentence flow. In Science, we have been working through our unit on systems. Time was a bit stretched in December with everything that was going on in the school and in the community, so we didn't have much of a chance to dig as deep into the topic as I would have liked to. In the New Year we will continue with systems, hopefully working towards a hands-on project that will apply the ideas learned in the unit. In Math, the focus has been on integers, and we will be continuing to work with this into the New Year. In Social Studies, students worked on a cumulative project that combined all of the factors that led to Canadian Confederation. We have recently begun discussing the American Civil War, and it's affect on the Canadian political and historical landscape. Welcome back everyone! I'll see you all at parent/teacher semester meetings!

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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Parent-Teacher Semester Meetings
15/01/20

Math Unit Test
18/01/20

Social Studies/ History Unit Test
23/01/20