

MR. JOHN - GRADE EIGHT

# NOVEMBER

The International School



## A Recap...

It's that time of the year again! As the snow approaches and we all approach the holiday season, let's reflect upon some of last month's endeavors. In English, the students finished Life of Pi. Though challenging, students were able to further develop their skills in language acquisition by being introduced to a series of challenging words and themes. To wrap things up, the students have been working on their Life of Pi projects, and so far, everything looks good! Also, following our practice with language acquisition, students had a friendly Spelling Bee. Combining words learned throughout the semester, students worked initially in groups with focus on accuracy, eventually moving to an individual style of spelling until a winner emerged victorious! The words were quite challenging, but the students did extraordinarily well, and I'm very proud of them. It seems that all of the hard work that we are doing at school and at home is paying off, so thank you very much for all of your encouragement and assistance. In Social Studies, we've been getting quite creative. Projects such as the War of 1812 project were completed with a high degree of quality. Although slightly different than a usual assessment, applying ideas and facts learned in class to a creative outlet such as a poster, presentation or video recording has been quite useful, and the students seem to be enjoying them. In Science, we wrapped up our cell biology unit and have moved to systems. We will be looking at the different types of systems that exist in nature and outside of nature for the rest of the semester. In Math, we've been continuing with our understanding of BEDMAS and early linear equations. In December we will be wrapping up this unit and moving



## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

**Life of Pi Projects Due**  
**04/12/19**

**Life of Pi Quiz**  
**11/12/19**

**Christmas Break!**  
**23/12/19-31/12/19**

**Christmas Parent Meetings**  
**17/12/19**