

MR. JOHN - GRADE FIVE

# JANUARY

The International School



## A Recap..

As the winter break approaches, and the year continues to move forward, let's take the time to reflect upon what we've done over the last month. First, I'd like to thank all of the parents who were able to come to the end of semester conferences. It's been a good semester, and we've witnessed a lot of positive improvements. The goal for this semester is to continue to build upon their skills and ensure that they are moving forward and upwards. In English, we've been working on core skills, primarily on reading comprehension, grammar, sentence structures and fluency. We finished the Cornerstone unit on how to build a country, which culminated in the speech project, where students had to present a famous speech from history. This was intended to be a cross over project, connecting the ideas from History and Social Studies with English. I incorporated a duel assessment process, where students were first paired with each other, and were able to offer constructive criticism in a safe environment. This focused on pronunciation and fluency with the English language, but also allowed students a change to reflect upon their successes and areas of improvement. Then, students presented in front of the class and were graded in the same manner. In Math, we've been working with fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems. Through a series of worksheets, Math Makes Sense activities and problems pulled from the Complete Canadian Curriculum, students were given ample opportunities to practice these concepts. In Science, we've been learning about the Human Body, and Human Bodily Systems, and in Social Studies, we've been continuing through history. We are now learning about the system of governance in New France, and are looking towards learning about the Coureur de Bois and the Filles De Rois in the coming weeks. Thank you once again for the great deal of support, I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months.

John Marchione



## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### Winter Break

**08/02/2020- 23/02/2020**

### New Novel: Indian in the Cupboard Begins

**24/02/2020**

### Spelling Bee Preliminaries

**26/02/2020**

### Spelling Bee Finals

**12/03/20**