Grade 3 April Newsletter

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**Reading**

Our new reading strategies this month will be *Authors* Purpose and *Fact and Opinion*. Along with these, we will continue to review and practice previous strategies.

***What you can do at home:*** When reading books with your child, ask them why they think the author wrote this book – the 4 main reasons we will discuss include: to inform, entertain, describe or persuade.

**Writing**

We will continue to develop our story writing skills, adding relevant detail and properly editing our work. Students are working at making goals for each story and applying these into their work to further develop and enhance the artistry of their stories.

***What you can do at home****:* Encourage your child to take the time and edit their work. They can do this by using a dictionary to correct spelling, adding appropriate detail, choosing interesting sentence starters, and ensuring they have complete sentences.

**Social**

We will continue to examine and compare ourselves to countries around the world. This month we will focus on Ukraine.

**Math**

We will be learning about *Fractions*. In this unit students will explain what a fraction represents and what the parts of a fraction mean. We will use fractions to describe parts of objects as well as comparing fractions to one another.

***What you can do at home****: You and your child can cut an orange or a pizza into various fractions. Ask your child questions such as “What fraction of the orange have we eaten? What fraction of the orange is left?”*

**Science**

We will be beginning our *Rocks and mineral* unit focusing on different types of rocks, such as sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic…etc.

**Birthdays**

**Clara – April 13**

**Curtis – April 21**

**Important Dates**

* **Friday, march 29th-April 7th** Easter Holidays- **No School**
* **Tuesday, April 16th-** Ukrainian Egg Decorating
* **Thursday April 25-** Volunteer Appreciation Liturgy
* **Friday April 26-**Tropical Theme Day!

**P.A.T Preparation**

If you are interested in purchasing preparation materials for the upcoming Provincial Achievement Test, go to [www.castlerockresearch.com](http://www.castlerockresearch.com). These are valuable tools for parents to work through with their children at home.

**Virtue of the Month:** Love



***A special thank you to all those parents who donated their time to help the Gr. 3 classes with our egg decorating! Your help was much appreciated!***