

Grade 2 Newsletter

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The Grade 2 learners have continued to work on their piece of creative writing and integrated this into iMovie with mature dedication. All learners have successfully learnt how to use iMovie from scratch and every learner has impressed us with their ability to pick up many new skills within such a short period of time.

The learners not only explored how to use a new program, they were also required to think up a super car in a new way, as they had to use iMovie as a means of promoting their invention. We hope you enjoyed the Learning Journey shared at the Grade 2 Assembly this week. Learners will be ready to show their individual promotional clips soon.

Peer Tutoring

As teachers, we love to see children learning from each other. The Grade 2 learners have been honing their peer tutoring skills this term. Tasks that have really highlighted these skills include: iMovie; Clay Yourself; and addition and subtraction with regrouping. This is a difficult skill to learn (as it can be easier and quicker to just do something for another person), but we have continued to be surprised each day by just how well, and how seriously, the Grade 2 learners have accepted such roles.





Shared Learning With Grade 8

It has been wonderful to see Grade 2 and Grade 8 learners work together in identifying the strengths of their own writing. Grade 8 came to visit Block D to help the younger learners self assess their individual pieces of creative writing. It was fantastic to see how smoothly this shared learning occurred. All learners were engaged, worked collaboratively and supported each other. When both grades were asked to reflect on this shared learning experience, there was an overwhelmingly amount of positive feedback. The Grade 8 learners all mentioned how much they had learned from Grade 2 about writing and what good writers need to do. Thank you to Ms Holly and Grade 8 for visiting and for helping Grade 2 to reflect on their own writing and the writing process. We will be arranging more collaborative learning opportunities later in the year.



Assembly

Thank you to all the parents, guardians and family members who supported the Grade 2 learners at their assembly this week. Every learner worked hard in the lead up to the assembly and impressed the teachers with their maturity and dedication. Thank you Grade 2 for demonstrating co-operation, respect, commitment and teamwork skills.



Unit of Inquiry

Next week we will be beginning a new Unit Of Inquiry '*Light gives life on our planet*'. This next Unit of Inquiry will have a strong Science focus and will see learners formulating questions, observing, collecting and recording data.

Reminders

Please continue to read daily with your child.

All reading books need to be kept in the diary folder for use at school and home.

Land based PE will continue until the end of the term.