

Grade 2 Newsletter

15 March 2013

Writing Workshop

Wow, what an exciting week it was last week. After waiting patiently for months, the Grade 2 learners finally got to meet Shamini Flint in person. Shamini shared two very important pieces of information with us last Friday. First, you need three important things if you want to write a story: you need a pencil, a piece of paper and an idea. Second, did you know that ideas can be scooped out of your brain? Oops, no, that was not it. What you need to do is put your head on one side and put your hand under your head and tap the side of your head until the idea falls out. If that doesn't work, try it on the other side. If you are still stuck for an idea after that, then stop tapping, get a glass of water and think. Think about people you know. Think about places you have been to. Think about all the different experiences you have had. People, places and experiences give us ideas for writing.

Grade 2 children were also treated to a Writing Workshop with Shamini. She very kindly helped us to think carefully about our writing and how to make it interesting. We found out that writing with our five senses can greatly improve our writing. The children had the opportunity to try this out and it really worked. Some final words from Shamini:

'If you're an author and you have a problem, you write a book!'



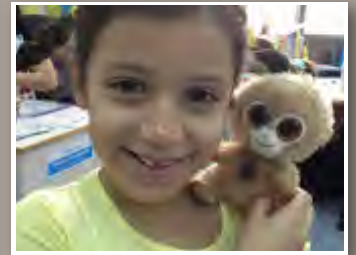


Buddy Reading

Grade 2 learners have continued to visit the Kindergarten and read with their younger buddies. All of the classes enjoy this special reading time. It was even more exciting last week as the learners could talk to each other about the book character they came dressed as for Character Day.

Character Day

Book Week culminated in an exciting dress-up day last Friday. The learners had the opportunity to dress as their favourite hero or villain from books they enjoy reading. The costumes of Grade 2 were fantastic. Thank you for support in helping your children get ready for this fun event.



Mini Exhibition

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who came and supported the Grade 2 learners at their Mini-Exhibition that was held on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to see the learners presenting their learning journeys so confidently and enthusiastically to lots of different parents and guardians. We hope you enjoyed their stories and iMovies.



Reminders

15 March End of Term 3
1 April Start of Term 4
5 April Nexus Parent Group Coffee and Catch-Up
12 April Grade 4 Assembly
PE sessions will be swimming

Have a wonderful rest over the holiday. Please remember to keep reading every day with your child.