



# Mme. Purdy-Weir's Post October 2023

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 2nd**—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation—No classes

**October 4th**—ENGAGE begins

**October 9th**—Thanksgiving—No classes

**October 12th**—MTA Pops Concert at Con Hall

**October 13th**—PL Day—No classes

**October 17-19th**—Scholastic Book Fair week

**October 18th**—Picture Day

## REMINDERS

\* **AGENDAS:** Please monitor and **initial** your student's agenda **nightly**. They should be reading each night for 15 minutes in French, reviewing their word card and practicing their times tables until mastered to 9 x 9. Agendas should be brought to school daily please.

\* **Scholastic Book Orders**—If you are placing a Scholastic book order online, please remember to use our class code  
**Our Class Code**  
is: **RC240343**



## OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH:

As outlined last month, all subjects (science, social studies and health) are taught cross-curricularly with French Immersion Language Arts (FILA). The next few weeks will focus on social studies.



The theme for Grade 5 social studies is learning about societies through time. The students will learn about the work of historians and archeologists and the im-

portance of artefacts in their work. Near the end of the month, or in early November, we will be visiting our neighbors at the Boultenhouse Museum to view and learn about local artefacts and the history of Sackville. We will then move on to a science unit where we will study the human body.



## ELA NEWS:

In ELA we have begun working on the reading strategy of self-monitoring for understanding. In recognition of Orange Shirt Day last week, we will be reading the short stories *Stolen Words* and *As Long As The Rivers Flow*. Both stories highlight the realities of Indigenous children who experienced life in residential schools. Our class 'read aloud' novel for the month is *Fatty Legs*, the moving memoir of an Inuit girl who emerges from a residential school with her spirit intact. Throughout our unit we will be practicing reading and writing skills in various capacities and practicing how to find and draw important information from a text.

## MATHEMATICS NEWS:

This month, we continue to review some grade 4 concepts and outcomes as we progress to working with numbers up to 1 million. Our next topic will be number patterns. We will begin by discussing whether the numbers are growing, shrinking or both. We will also write rules for a given pattern, as well as write patterns for a given rule. Finally, we will use patterns to make predictions about subsequent numbers. As well, **October is multiplication month** where our goal is to master our times tables! I will be showing students various games, and websites they can use to practice these at home. They need to know these up to 9 x 9 by heart, if possible. We will be completing daily Math Minutes where they compete against themselves to improve their personal scores!