

### Physical Education Report Gr. 2-3

It has been a busy first two months in our Physical Education classes. We have spent a great deal of time focusing on student listening, following directions and practicing safe routines for participation in a gymnasium setting.

Students have completed many lessons on loco-motor skills with a focus on moving safely in the gym and always being in control. Fitness activities have been an important part of our weekly lessons with the goal of students working toward better physical fitness both in school and outside of school.

Low organized games have provided students with the opportunity to practice individual skills, teamwork as well as basic offensive and defensive strategies.

Sean Kelley

Physical Education Teacher

### First Term Grade Two 2016 Music

Welcome back to school. We have had a great start to the new school year and the children have settled in quite nicely to their new routines. It's hard to believe that this is the end of the first term already!

This term we have spent much of our time feeling and hearing the beat and distinguishing between that and the rhythm, which is the way the words go. The children have also been learning to hear and recognize rhythms that are written down. The rhythms learned thus far are "ta", "ti ti" and "rest". We have also been learning how to recognize high and low sounds and labeling them as "soh" and "mi". We are learning not only to recognize these notes by hearing them but also by seeing them written down in note form on a music staff. The comparatives (loud/soft, fast/slow and high/low), are a continuation of learning in the previous two years, however we are now referring to them as dynamics, tempo and pitch. All of these concepts are in keeping with the specific curriculum outcomes for grade two music.

We also completed a unit on the composer Edvard Grieg and his composition entitled "In the Hall of The Mountain King". We learned some facts about the life of Grieg and through listening and storytelling of the Norwegian folk legend Peer Gynt, the children learned the music. It really was a lot of fun! Next on our list of things to do is to begin our preparations for the Christmas concert, which is always a very exciting time.

It has been an enjoyable first term and I hope that the children are having fun as they learn about music. If you have any questions or concerns about your child I will be available for parent teacher interviews and I look forward to meeting you then.

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