Dear parents, October 2018

Here is an update on what we have done so far in grade 2.

**Language Arts/ You and your world:**

We have finished our first theme (daily life) and we are now on our second theme (Social interactions). We have learned what is an ideal friend.

 Every day, the students practice speaking in French in class through different activities. I have revised certain sounds from grade 1. We have done activities with phonemes (sounds heard) and graphemes (sounds read). We are now doing guided reading every day. The students are writing independently in their journals. So far, we have focused on conventions, ideas and sentence structures.

Prior to any writing activities, we have discussions about the topic we are writing about. This is when the students can learn key words and sentence structures to use in their writing. Listening skills are very important.

**Mathematics:**

In mathematics, we have focused on numbers. On my teacher page, I put overviews on what we have worked on.

**NEXT STEPS:**

We have another month before report cards. We will learn how we keep our friends. We will also learn about emotions.

I am expecting students to speak in French not only during activities, but also in conversation with students. Very soon, we will tackle new sounds for grade 2. We will be doing a lot of independent writing activities. As previously mentioned, listening skills will need to be on cue during discussions.

In mathematics, we will continue to work with numbers (place value with numbers up to 20, the effect of adding zero to any number or subtracting from any number and mental math strategies). We will also learn how to describe and compare 3D objects and 2D shapes. Finally, we will learn how to gather and record data and we will construct and interpret graphs and pictographs.

Please continue checking on my teacher page for weekly overviews of what we do in class.

Sincerely,

Madame McGraw