

Grade 2 / 3 Smith

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Today, I'm sending home a rubric and information about the oral presentations beginning next Wednesday.

Week 19: It's Family Literacy Week! Ideas for home on back! January 25, 2016

Hi Everyone! This will be a busy couple of months before the next report card in March. It is important that students are able to tell you their personal goals in both reading and writing. In Language Arts, we will continue focusing on multi-level questioning for reading comprehension. Please have your children answer questions about what they are reading, and why they think the author wrote the text.

In writing, we finished our group report about beavers, and smaller groups are working on their own group reports about an animal of the student's choice. You can ask your child what their group have decided to research and write about. We will begin fact finding. After the students find their facts, they will organize the facts into sections. They will begin the report with an introduction, fill it with details, and end with a conclusion.

In Math, we'll be continuing with shape and space regarding 2D and 3D shapes. We will begin to look at the passage of time in relation to calendars and clocks in standard and non-standard units. In Grades 2 and 3 we will continue estimating and predicting sums and differences in problem-solving contexts. Grade 3's have begun working on multiplication up to 5x5 by representing and explaining multiplication by using equal grouping and arrays. Also, like in addition/subtraction, students will create and solve problems using multiplication. Students will also relate multiplication to repeated addition and to division. The best practice of these strategies come up in daily life at home, such as how many plates you'll need for supper, how many potatoes every one will get, etc.

Please read every night with your children at home. Ask them questions such as:

What will this be about? How do you think this story will end? What does this word mean?

What does this mean? Is this important? What did you learn? Do you need to read this again?



Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Inspiring Families to Learn Together

1. **Lights out, talk on:** After your bedtime story, turn the lights off and talk about new endings to the story you just read together.
2. **Surfing Snacks:** Go online together to find out how your favourite foods are made. Are they something you can make together at home?
3. **Find A-B-C:** Have an alphabet scavenger hunt to look for things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you can't find some letters, go outside or try looking in books and magazines.
4. **Travel the World:** Use your library card as your passport to check out books on different countries. Learn about their traditions and celebrations.
5. **Float in a Boat:** Work together to fold a family fleet of origami boats. (Find all the steps in the FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca sample module!)
6. **Let's go Shopping:** Have kids write the family grocery list out themselves, then bring it to the store. Let them check each item off the list. (Hmm, wonder how jelly beans got on the list...)
7. **Number Walk:** As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.
8. **Word Wall:** Learn one new word every day. Display them by creating a family word wall with Bristol board and markers. Can you make a sentence with the words on your wall?
9. **How was your day today?** Exchange notes (or write a journal) with your child telling each other about the best part of your day. Or switch it up: what's the best thing you expect to happen tomorrow?
10. **A Course of Course:** Build an obstacle course through your family room, and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.
11. **Sing chat:** Sing a conversation with your kids to the tune of your favourite song. Bonus points if you can make your song rhyme!
12. **Snow You Tell Me:** Use emptied dish soap bottles filled with water and food colouring to write messages and draw in the snow.
13. **Know it All:** Together, look online for the meaning of funny words like "collywobbles" and "onomatopoeia." Test your parents' word power!
14. **Have a Book-nic:** Organize an indoor picnic with books and tasty treats. Choose a theme – try honey-flavoured cereal and read *Winnie the Pooh*.
15. **Game On:** Start family board game night and play a different game each week. Family members can take turns reading instructions and game cards as well as keeping score.

