## SEPTEMBER, 2012

## What A Start!

Wow! Hard to believe the first month of school has already flown by! Your child has been busy this past month learning routines and getting set up for a great year in grade two. In Readers and Writers workshop we practiced "Picking Just Right Book", and "How I Get Ready To Write!" In other subjects we practiced "Making Good Choices" and "The Steps of A Scientist". These are skills they will use all year!

As well we have been working hard on getting students to identify and understand directions. We have been using class charts to assist them in this. This will help them become more independent as learners. We encourage families to practice this skill at home. Perhaps at a family meeting you could discuss "How To Get Ready In The Morning" or "Setting the Table." Have them practice making a chart and following it each day. I'm sure you'll notice a BIG difference at home.


## What's Happening In September

This month we begin reading and writing silly stories in Language Arts. During this unit your child will build good reading habits by monitoring their reading, by being able to summarize BIG events. As well they will be working on writing their own stories with Brilliant Beginnings, Marvelous Middles, and Excellent Endings.

In Math we have begun exploring place value up to the 100s place. A deep understanding of this will assist your child in adding and subtraction, which we begin later this week. In addition we are working with students on how to read and solve word problems.

In Science, your child will become a sensesational scientist as we explore the five senses. Each week your child will use the scientific process to discover the ways each sense works. Please use the science links with your child to help fuel their curiosity in this topic. So far, the kids are having a blast!

If you have any questions about the month please feel free to stop by or drop us a note at the CONTACTS link on the site.

## September تvents



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH Optometrist Field Trip
Your child will visit an eye doctor to learn more about the eye and how to keep it healthy. Field trip Forms due next week!


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2OTH The LS Acquaintance Party Join your child from 4 pm to $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ in the MPH to celebrate the start of another great school year.


SEPTEMBER 24TH-28TH Spirit Week
Each day there will be a different theme for your child to dress up as and show school sprit! GO BRENT!

