



February 6 – February 10, 2017
NO Kinder Friday this week



This time of year is always very exciting in early childhood classrooms. The children are growing and changing and I'm noticing a lot of risk-taking writers emerging during our journal time! As children experiment with writing, spelling, and sentence-making, their knowledge of the whole literacy process increases. Here's a link to a really great article about supporting young writers.

www.readingrockets.org/article/launching-young-writers

We've been looking at numbers from 1 to 10 (and beyond), one-to-one correspondence, and concepts of more and less. We began with the "data" collected about our families. The children are demonstrating some very solid understandings about numbers to 10, which is wonderful! As we all know, the more we know about "ten", the more we know about how our number system works.

You can continue to support your child at home by counting lots of things, looking for opportunities to count backwards (from 10 or even 20), and playing counting games like Snakes and Ladders.

We have been playing lots of dice games and are working on recognizing all those dots right away, without counting. This is called *subitizing*. Being able to recognize groups of objects to 5 will build a solid foundation for the formal addition and subtraction instruction that happens in Grade 1.



February Book orders are due back to school by **February 16**. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada.



We will be having our celebration of the **50th Day** on the morning of **Tuesday, February 14**. Please have your child bring **a collection of 50 items** that can fit in a medium sized Ziploc bag. Some ideas may be pasta, marbles, paper clips, Cheerios, small toys, elastics, etc. We'll be using these items during the day.

Our **Valentine Card exchange** will also happen on the 14th. We will make special envelopes in the morning and then hand out our Valentines in the afternoon. If you are addressing cards, here's a list of all the Kinders:

Silas	Jack
Kenzie	Story
Felix	Kate
Abigail	Hudson
Caitlyn	Katelyn
Augustina	Syd