Dear Parents

What a wonderful day we all had last week for ‘Difference Day’. We will continue to build upon the importance of celebrating the differences that make each of us unique!

Last week I attended a maths conference that reinforced my belief that a sound knowledge and understanding of basic number facts provides an essential foundation upon which students can successfully extend and develop their understanding of more complex maths skills. I would like to encourage all students in grade 2/3 to practise their two times tables at home to improve their number skills.

This week for inquiry learning students in grade 2/3 will be working on the construction of their ‘arcade game’. We will soon be inviting families to come along and try their luck at our arcade of games!

You will have noticed that students are taking home a ‘handwriting’ page each week. This is not compulsory homework, but simply giving students an opportunity to revise their handwriting skills at home.

**Reading:** students should all have their home reader and their reading diary. Please listen to your child read each night, and/or read with them, and sign their diary page. We are learning about comprehension in reading at school.

**Spelling:** Please encourage your child to practise learning their words at home. Our class focus this week is the prefix ‘re’.

**Maths:** This week in maths we are expanding 3 digit numbers and multiplying by 5. We will build on measurement skills by locating items on a grid. Students will also be interpreting and constructing column graphs.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week! Again, please don’t hesitate to see me or ring me if you have any concerns about your child.

Yours in Learning

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