

# Learning is Magical in Grade 5/6!

## Literacy:

**Reading:** This term in reading, students will be taking part in reading rotations. Students will be completing a different task in each rotation throughout the week. The rotations include but are not limited to: Café Reading individual goal, Guided Reading, Making Connections Activity and Reading Eggspress (Comprehension Skills)

Student's will be focussing on the following reading strategies as a whole class: Main Idea, Fact and Opinion and Compare and Contrast.

We are reading: Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Be sure to ask them what is happening in the text)

**Writing:** Students will be learning to write persuasive and procedural texts. We will review the structure of both texts and will use a number of planning tools to help plan our writing. We will be focusing on powerful ways to open our writing as well as cause and effect connectives. Throughout the term we will be learning how to use the elements of VCOP (Vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation)

**Spelling:** Students will be learning spelling rules and patterns through our Soundwaves program. They will complete activities that focus on spelling and grammar.

## Numeracy:

**Maths:** This term in maths, students are learning about Addition, Subtraction and Time in our Top Ten Maths Program.

Students will be completing various hands on and written bookwork surrounding mental and written subtraction and addition strategies. They will use their current knowledge of ten facts, doubles, near doubles and make to ten strategies to solve problems. They will learn new strategies that they will find more efficient. Some of these include: Split strategy, Jump strategy and written algorithms.

All students have a personal maths fluency goal they are working on too, feel free to come in and check what their current goal is.

## Inquiry:

This term in Inquiry, students are learning physics and Earth science. Students will be learning about the Earth and its properties as well as the effect natural disasters have on the Earth's surface. We will be learning about the properties of the Sun, Earth and Moon. They will be learning to name, order and describe the features of the planets in our solar system as well as the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun.