

# Mrs. Wiggins'

*Learning together • Working hard • Having fun • Developing character*

Weekly Note

Week of Sept 30th



A very busy week started with 2 assemblies on Monday and ended with a cool but sunny day on Friday. Students are finding their groove and I am noticing that the majority are settling into some good organizational habits (no loose papers, remembering to bring the proper books for classes, and ensuring they have pens and pencils with them). We continue to work on cursive writing as a transition task between math and English. I have asked students to use a blue or black pen for this task, so if you happen to find extras around the house, please send a couple to school in their pencil case so they have a spare if needed. Have a great weekend!

*Karen*

## English

**This week** there was much improvement in TUSC as they began to focus on enhancing their introductions and conclusions to their TUSC presentations. Our main focus this week was on our Political Parties media literacy assignment and students were randomly put into groups of 4 or 5. This is my first opportunity to really see how they work together and step back to see the class dynamics which is always insightful for me. I have shared the assignment with students on Google Classroom, so please ask them to either show you or explain the assignment. Wiggins Centre will also be running the GMS Student Vote (supported by CIVIX and Elections Canada) on October 16th in order to support youth engagement and understanding of the electoral process. **Looking ahead...** students will be finishing up their media literacy assignment. Groups will be rehearsing for the mini talks that they will be giving to a variety of classes at GMS on their political party's platform on Oct 10 and Oct 15.

On my website this week you will find:

- TUSC roles for Oct 9th
- Student Vote Assignment

## Math

**This week** we began our first unit in number sense and numeration with a focus on multiples, divisibility, and factors. We used the textbook for the first time and students were able to work through some group word problems as they relate to multiples. Any practice of multiplication tables will be helpful in order to improve automaticity. **Looking ahead...** we will continue with our first unit in the textbook which is multiples, factors, prime and composite numbers, exponents, square roots, and order of operations. There will be some math homework next week and they will have a quiz on what we have covered this week on Friday.

## MUSIC (EMF7B)

**This week** we learned our first two notes in the method book and talked about listening to each other to help determine if we are hitting the proper note. **Looking ahead...** we will be continue in the method book looking at our 3rd, 4th, & 5th notes. We will also discuss practicing and the process for signing out instruments and books (if students are borrowing from the school). Their first playing test will be in a couple of weeks.

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