Our Week in Year One Week 1 Term 4, 2016

Welcome back for our final term in Year One.
Reports and Portfolios will be sent at the conclusion of the year.

Coming events.
On Friday of week two our class will present the Assembly Item. We will recite a poem, display art work to illustrate the poem. As we have been enjoying stories about the moon and learning the phases of the moon with calendars, we will sing asong about the "Phases of the Moon". FYI: the clothing for Edudance will be the black sports shorts and a white t shirt for both boys and girls.

Research Presentation.
We will continue this in fourth term beginning week 2. There is a format to follow, similar to the research presentation format. Please note, keep it simple and this is not a compulsory activity.

Work of the Week.
We will continue to acknowledge those children in our class who have worked especially hard in an activity. We will begin in week two.

English.
To begin this term we will read the adventures of Flat Stanley. Stanley Lambchop and his younger brother Arthur are given a big bulletin board by their father to display pictures and posters. He hangs it on the wall over Stanley's bed. During the night the board falls from the wall, flattening Stanley in his sleep. He survives and makes the best of his altered state, and soon he is entering locked rooms by sliding under the door, and playing with his younger brother by being used as a kite. One special advantage is that Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by being mailed in an envelope. Stanley even helps catch some art museum thieves by posing as a painting on the wall. Eventually, Stanley is tired of being flat and Arthur changes him back to his proper shape with a bicycle pump.
FLAT STANLEY visits Year One at St Pius x School. WE will send and receive mail (the old fashioned way) different parts of the world. More to follow….
We will also be continuing our focus on developing Narrative. This term, we will begin to develop characters for our text.
We will also have a focus on grammar and becoming familiar with verbs, nouns and adjectives.

Religion.
Our topic to start Term 4 is; Lots of Learning. We will discuss how God has given us a gift of memory. We will make a paper chain where children have written one thing they have especially enjoyed learning.

Spelling.
Our new words for the next ten days: house, because, long, other, soon.
Spelling test week two Friday.

Mathematics.
We continue to review concepts previously learnt. This is mainly a term to consolidate all concepts that we have covered this year, and to focus on any apparent difficulties. I will give a test at the end of week one, which will provide information for each student in regard of problem spots.

Our focus will also continue to include money. We are looking at how many coins (5c to 50c) are needed to make an amount less than $1.00. Many children find this concept tricky. You can help by allowing the children to do this with you at home.

I will again be having our ‘lolly shop’. In this experience, the children will begin to understand the concept of ‘change’ when purchasing and how many ways to make a dollar. It was very successful in consolidating concepts of money last term.

IT: Creating text using Ipads. Have a look at the Narrative learning journeys in your child’s folder.

Reading Groups.
The children have all been assessed at the conclusion of Term 3 with running records. Another cycle of testing, teaching and levelling the students for reading will be started next week.

Any questions or discussions please make an appointment time to see me. I am always happy to chat with you about your child’s progress.
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