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### **Writing**

Our Recount writing instruction will come to an end in the middle of this month. Students completed an assessment task recounting Halloween last year. Be sure to watch SeeSaw to see a picture of your child's writing and pay attention to the teacher comments as they provide a good indication of his/her writing success. We will complete one final task next week and your child will bring it home. You can help your child write recounts at home using the outline in last month's newsletter and order words such as first, then, next, finally. Our next writing form will be Persuasive so I encourage you to look for the point of view or different opinions as you read texts with your child.

### **Data Management**

In mathematics we will be starting data management. The main purpose for collecting and organizing data is to answer questions. The Grade 1's will be sorting objects in different ways, making picture graphs and asking yes/no questions. The Grade 2's will be sorting objects using 2 attributes (eg colour, size, shape), making graphs (pictograph and bar graph) and communicating the information found on graphs. Visit the website [www.mathk8.nelson.com](http://www.mathk8.nelson.com) for ideas to support your child's learning. After selecting the correct grade, look in Chapter 3. The marked pages that come home are also beneficial tools in helping reinforce concepts with your child. Errors or omissions are circled or underlined in red so you can see where extra practice is needed. If you see TA on a page, it means your child needed teacher assistance to complete the task. You can model your own worksheets at home by changing the numbers or items on the sent home worksheets or you can find other similar examples on the web.

### **Nightly Reading**

Your child should be reading every night as part of her/his homework. In the planner, please write the title of the book and initial that you listened to your child read. Thank you for not only helping your child become a better reader, but more responsible!

### **Lest We Forget**

Our classroom will observe Remembrance Day by walking to the cenotaph. We will need chaperones to walk with our class. The permission forms were sent home today. Please send me a note in the planner if you are available.

### **Scholastic Books**

I am not sending home book orders this month as Scholastic Book Clubs has changed their shipping policy and I am searching for a solution. If the monthly order is not over \$25 there is a substantial shipping charge. I will be discussing with other classroom teachers to see if we could pool our orders together.