



ST. Agnes School

November 2016 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Hi Parents/Guardians,

I wish to extend a huge thank you to the Fundraising Committee for the wonderful job they did on our Fitness Frenzy Fundraiser. Congratulations, St. Agnes community! We had tons of fun as we danced, played sports, moved all day and raised money for our school. Thank you, Fundraising Committee, for putting the "fun" in fundraiser!

Thank you also to the many people who donated prizes and items for our silent auction to help make this fundraiser a HUGE success!

We will be having our Wrap Up assembly on Thursday, November 10th to announce to the students what our grand total is as well as who won individual prizes and class prizes. If your children still have envelopes at home with money in them, please return them to school.

There are many exciting events happening in our school community in the upcoming months... please be sure take a look at our monthly calendar included with this newsletter. Also, please read our classroom newsletters, your children's D2L class sites, and visit our school website for information about our great school community. We continue to stress our theme of perseverance and using the butterfly as our symbol that sometimes we need to struggle to grow stronger and reach our potential.

Our staff has been working hard to plan learning pathways for our students. All numeracy pathways will focus on "Proportional Reasoning". See the blurb in this newsletter and in all newsletters, to learn about what you can do at home to help your child (ren) to develop a multiplicative approach to numeracy!

Please take some time to visit our WCDSB Website. Each week, a school will be featured and in March, St. Agnes will be the featured school!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child (ren)'s education or our school community, please do not hesitate to call your child's classroom teacher or myself at school.

Sincerely,

Gloria Lasovich

PROPORTIONAL REASONING

Have you used proportional reasoning recently?

When was the last time you determined the better buy between two sizes of the same product? (e.g., 1 kg of flour at \$3.50 versus 1.5 kg of flour at \$4.50). Have you compared rate plans for cell phones or internet service providers? Have you shared a treat equally with someone special? If any of the examples above are familiar to you, then you are familiar with proportional reasoning.

What is proportional reasoning?

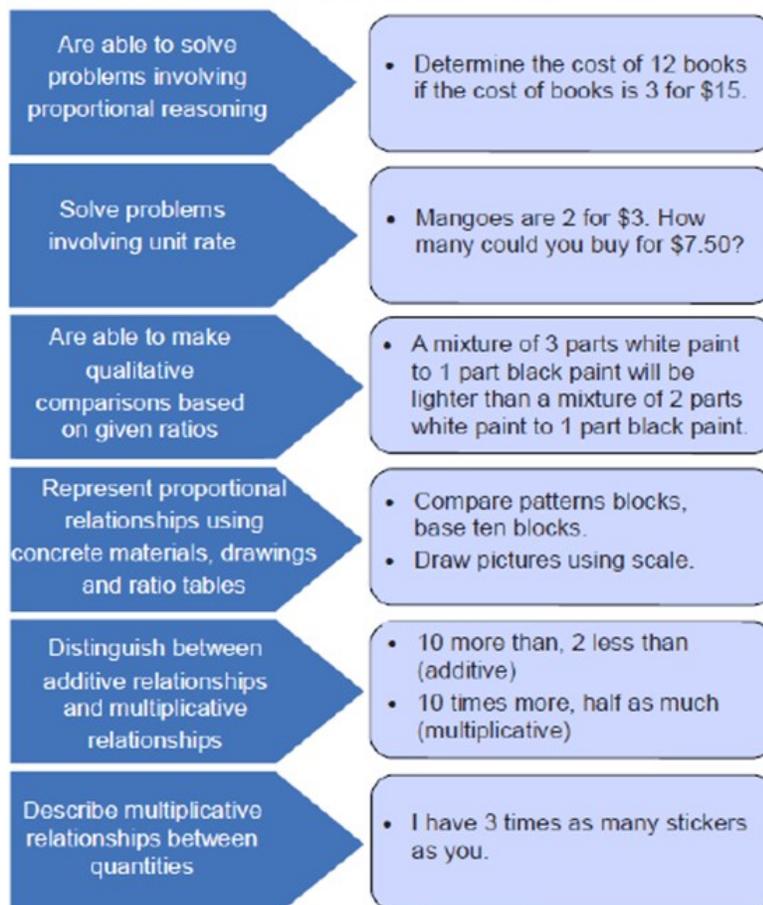
It is often useful to think of one amount as how many of another amount (Small, 2008).

Relationships help us make sense of our world and solve problems.

In Mathematics, proportional reasoning expresses the multiplicative relationship that helps us, for example, exchange money, change measurement units, choose the best buy, calculate our estimated time of arrival, or zoom in and out on a photocopier.

In the words of John Van de Walle, "Proportional reasoning is difficult to define. It is not something that you either can or cannot do but is developed over time through reasoning...It is the ability to think about and compare multiplicative relationships between quantities" (*Paying Attention to Proportional Reasoning, p.3*).

In general, students who are developing proportional reasoning:



Head Lice

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to St. Agnes! The fair will begin on Thursday November 10th. Please visit the library between 4:00PM and 9:00PM (same time as parent/teacher interviews). The fair will also be open November 11th, 14th and 15th from 9:00AM to 4:15PM. Students are welcome to visit during the day. We are happy to offer new payment options this year. There will be a credit/debit machine available, cash and the option to purchase Scholastic Book Fair gift certificates using Cash Online.

Due to the Scholastic Book Fair there will be no book exchanges November 10th through the 18th.

The Forest of Reading nominees have been announced. I am busy gathering the books and they should be available for borrowing before Christmas break. Blue Spruce for the primary classes will begin in February.

Have you ever checked out the library tab on the St. Agnes website? There is a huge variety of websites linked through this page that can help students of all grades. Students can borrow an e-book or audiobook. There is also a link to the VLC (Virtual Learning Commons). This is a site that is maintained by WCDSB's very own Library Technicians. Within the site you can narrow information by grade and subject. This would be a great spot to look for projects, homework help or studying.

See you at the book fair! Shonna Bechtel

Library Technician

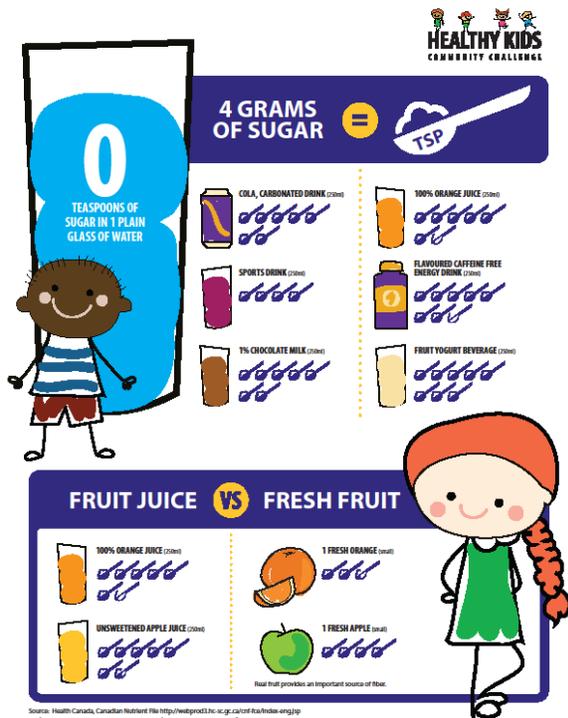
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*“Reading is to the
Mind what
Exercise is to the
Body”
- Joseph Addison*

1. If you suspect your child may have head lice, please inform the school immediately so that action may be taken to minimize the spread.
2. If your child has head lice, treat your child immediately with a head lice product.
3. If head lice has been reported, the school will send home an information sheet on how to detect and treat head lice to the entire class. Each child is to be checked at home, and A Parent/Guardian Response Form APH026-02 must be completed and returned to the school. **Any student who does not bring back the form, will be removed from class to either picked up or checked by their parent.**
4. Do not use any head lice product on anyone unless you are sure that he/she has lice and or eggs in their hair. Head lice treatment products do not prevent head lice and may cause negative side effects if not used properly or used repeatedly.
5. Your child may return to school after proper treatment and the complete elimination of head lice.

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Water is best

Encourage your kids to drink water when they are thirsty. It is much better for them than drinks with sugar added.

We all know healthy eating is important for growing children. So is healthy hydration. Our community is looking for ways to make it easier for kids to choose healthy drinks more often.

Water is the natural choice for kids to stay hydrated and healthy. Water makes up more than half of a child's weight. They need a steady supply to keep their bodies working and growing properly. Water contains no sugar, calories, additives, preservatives, or caffeine. And it's free.

Make water the easy choice for your kids – and keep them sipping throughout the day.

Faith in our Catholic Schools

Check out this video of Children talking about how they express their faith in our schools.

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