

## February News



### Literacy

Our Writers Workshop focus this month is procedural writing. Students will be examining real-life examples of procedural writing. We will be learning the importance of using transition words to "glue" our writing together, so the reader understands the sequence of steps in our procedures. Students will have many opportunities to practice this writing genre throughout February. Take the opportunity to look at examples of procedural writing in your home. Let your children cook with you or examine the instructions to a board game. These are all excellent examples of procedural writing.

### Math

The Grade 1s are currently working on practicing subtraction from 20. We will be exploring a variety of different strategies to help your child solidify his/her understanding of this concept. Please find attached the strategies that your child will be learning in the classroom. To help your child with subtraction at home I have included online links to a couple of virtual manipulatives. All of these links are found on the "Mathies" website.

### Virtual Number Lines

<http://mathclips.ca/swfPlayer.html?swfURL=tools/NumberLine1.swf&title=Number Line>

### Online Ten Frames

<http://mathclips.ca/swfPlayer.html?swfURL=tools/Set1.swf&title=Set Tool>

### Important Dates in February

7th- Stem Family Night, 5:00-7:00 in the gym

8th-Report cards go home

14th- Valentine's Day celebrations and treat day

18th-Family Day.