NUMERACY

For Numeracy our Preps are still revising numbers to 20, including matching the written number with the correct number of objects. We are also learning about one more, one less, and the concepts of addition and subtraction. Students are learning to count backwards and we performed our counting song, from 20 to 1, at Assembly this week. Our addition and subtraction activities have involved lots of “hands-on” experiences such as pretending to get teddies on and off buses and buying items from the class “shop.”

LITERACY

This month in our Literacy lessons the Prep grades have been investigating the different features of narrative stories. Firstly, we looked at settings; identifying and comparing where a story takes place. We used our imagination to travel to such varied destinations as the common farmyard (Who’s in the Shed?), the belly of a sun-baker on the beach (Which Way Now?) and the capital cities of Australia (Possum Magic)! We only lost a couple along the way…

Then we moved onto identifying what makes a really good picture book character. Is it the gnashing of the terrible jaws and showing of the terrible claws of the Wild Things? Could it be the poisonous wart, the black tongue and the purple prickles of the Gruffalo? Or maybe it’s the cunning and cruelty of the Big Bad Wolf? Either way, it’s the bad guys who’re the most interesting.

Dates to remember:
* Last day of term- Friday 29th June
  2:30 finish

ICT

For ICT this Term we have been concentrating on computer familiarization and Literacy skills. We are using a variety of programs and activities in class to help the children learn the skills they need to receive their digital excellence badge. You should all have received a logon name and password so that you can go to the website and can see your child’s progress.

We are reaching the conclusion of our “Family” topic and are planning our Family crests to finish in the last few weeks. It has been great finding out about each other and what makes us and our families special.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

On Monday the Preps performed, ‘Twenty to One’ at assembly. The preps had been busily preparing for this song, which fits in perfectly with our weekly maths focus—subtraction and counting back. The Preps did a fantastic job and they should be really proud of their performance. We would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend and for those who were unable to make it, we will be showing the footage of the performance in room 13 at a later date.

Thank you for all your help and support,

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