Students in the Middle School have returned to school refreshed after a nice long summer break.

Setting The Climate

Our year began with our two week ‘Setting the Climate’ program where our students built their classroom agreements, set goals for their learning and self management, learned about what it means to be a successful learner and take risks.

Literacy

Last Thursday, our students completed their first Big Write of the year. We were very impressed by the quality of work produced. Our students seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to write for an uninterrupted period of time, as well as the editing and the goal setting process that followed.

Each Wednesday, your child will bring home a sheet of paper entitled ‘Talk Homework’. We encourage you to take some time to talk to your child about their writing prompt. This could be done in the car, on the way home from school or at the dinner table.

Numeracy

For the next two weeks, our focus in Mathematics is ‘Place Value’. So far, our students have been involved in a number of lessons where they have learnt how to read and write large numbers. We will also be learning about the role of Zero and how to round numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.

Inquiry Topic

Our inquiry focus this term is ‘We Are Part of a Community’. We will be investigating how we fit into our community and our rights and responsibilities as community members.

As part of our inquiry, the Middle School had a visit from Monica and her dog, Beau, from the Kingston City Council. Monica taught us all about responsible pet ownership and dog safety. She also talked about her job as a ranger with the Kingston City Council. At the end of the session we were allowed to pat Beau who was full of personality.

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