![MCj03979950000[1]]() **Grade Five News**

**January 2012**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a restful and wonderful holiday. I am excited to be back and we have lots to do. The students will be switching from English to Intensive French on February 6th.

In Language Arts we have a few things on the go. We are working with homophones. These are words that sound the same, spelled differently, and have different meanings. In writers workshop we will look at the elements of report writing. In reading we will begin a new unit and learn elements of mysteries. For example, red herrings, detectives, clues, etc. We have begun a new read aloud novel called, The Mystery on Cranberry Farm. We will continue with our word work as well.

In math we have been exploring horizontal, vertical, parallel, intersecting, and perpendicular lines. We will have a quick review and then spend most of the month on multiplication of 2-digit by 2-digit numbers followed by division (342 ÷ 4). Please continue to study both division and multiplication at home. There are games on the website to help. I encourage the students to come see me if they are having difficulties. I am always willing to work with students during the lunch hour if necessary.

In Science we are finishing with friction over the next few weeks. We have had some fun with experiments testing for friction and reducing friction.

I happy to announce that the grade 5 students will have the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program taught to them this year by Cst. N. Adams. The program will begin this month.

**Skating Dates:** We will skate from 10am -11am

January 13

January 27

February 3

February 17

March 2

March 16

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns at anytime throughout the year, please contact me at the school at 738-6503 or by email denise.kelly@nbed.nb.ca.

Warm Regards,

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