

# News From Room 209

## Mrs. Ireland's Terrific Twos

### January 7, 2006

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Science Experiments

Our science classes during December saw us performing and writing about many matter experiments. We mixed liquids with liquids, liquids with solids to create gak and obleck, and made a gas by mixing a liquid and a solid to blow up a balloon. We experimented with objects to see if they would sink or float and checked different materials for absorbency.

In January we will be starting a new science strand, Movement.

### We Love Math

We enjoyed using 100 charts, place value mats with ten sticks and ones cubes, and money to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. We made sure that we always answered our problems with pictures, numbers and words.

In January we will be exploring data management and probability.

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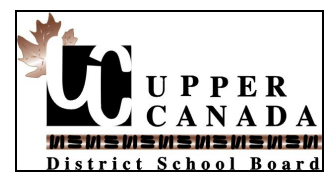
### Our Christmas Party

Our December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Celebration was well attended. All the students did a super job of presenting their reader's theatre plays on Hanukkah, Posada and Kwanzaa. It was wonderful having so many guests drop in to help us sing songs, weave our seven colour cloth and share our snacks.



We sang some of our favourite songs from our Christmas song book.

### Hello Bruce, Goodbye Bruce



## Story writing

Bruce arrived back from Japan during the Christmas holidays. Every class at the school where we sent him wrote in his journal and included colour photographs. We certainly will learn a lot about the students and school in Japan as we read his journal.



Bruce will be heading out this week for his next destination, Germany.

## Art Materials

We will be make modeling clay for our *Carnival de Quebec* bonhomme artwork. If you can send in some flour and salt for us to use it would be appreciated. Every student will need to have 250 ml of flour and 125 ml of salt.

During the time Miss Arbo, our student teacher, was with us she taught the students how to write an *add-on* story. She was very impressed with the quality of work almost every student put into their add-on story. The story lines and illustrations were very creative. The students enjoyed reading their stories to each other.

During January we will be learning how to write a *circle story*. Groups of eight students, four from our class and four from a class in Florida, will be writing stories over email, illustrating and sharing the finished products. Parts of our finished stories will be published in an international internet project called *Mouse Tales*.

## Our Author this month is Robert Munsch

During January we will be reading and working with books written by Robert Munsch in our literature circles.

## Family Challenge

Our family challenge for January is to make as many words as possible from the word **Winterlude**. Answers are due on Friday, January 13th.