

GRADE 1 & 2

We have had a wonderful first half of the school year! Our class welcomed two new students this year: Benjamin Kraayenbrink and Alyssa Snelgrove. We have enjoyed getting to know one another and I pray that this school year will be a blessing for all as we learn and grow together in Christ.

Reading: Grade 1 has been busy not only with their Snuggle-Up and Read program, but also with learning new words daily! Grade 2 has been doing an excellent job with the Accelerated Reader program. All of the students have completed their first goals and look forward to meeting their second goals soon!

Each month our students meet with their reading buddies and they enjoy the chance to read and pray together.



Reading Buddies – Jonah & Nicholas

Writing: Both grades have been writing in their journals and the students always come up with creative illustrations or comments about the various topics we've written about. Here are a few examples:

Journal Questions: What are you thankful for?

- That God is an Awesome God! – *Pierce*
- I am thankful for my family and that God made me! – *Benjamin*
- Going camping with my family! – *Brendan*

What is your favourite thing about snow?

- Making snowballs! – *Nathan*
- Making snow forts. – *Matthew*
- Playing in it! – *Jillian*
- Making snow angels. – *Nicole*

Math: Both Grades 1 & 2 have been busy with our units on Patterns and Relations and Number Concepts. The students enjoy the opportunities to use a variety of manipulatives to understand, explore and problem solve.

Creation Studies: We completed our units, "Mapping My Home" and "Our Home and School Community" with enthusiasm and created a variety of maps, our own town and went on a field trip



Our Town



Aaron in the fire truck

to an important part of our town: The Wallaceburg Fire Station. The students learned about fire safety and even got an exciting chance to explore the fire engines! We are learning about animals in our current unit.

Bible: This fall we have been learning about creation, the patriarchs, kings of Israel and Judah and about the prophets God sent to speak to Israel and Judah. We recently finished a unit about Daniel and the return of God's people to Judah. Students have enjoyed the art projects and activities that correspond with the various Bible stories we have been studying.

Art: We have been enjoying a number of different art projects since the start of school and the creative art pieces students have created are often found displayed in the hall. At the end of November, Kindergarten - Grade 4 visited the Thames Art Gallery. The students created art pieces that explored the elements of line, space, colour and texture.



Brendan & Celia display their art work