

# WESTMOUNT AVE P. S. HOME OF THE WIZARDS



**APRIL 2021**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO  
REMEMBER:**



**April 2nd** - Good Friday (No school)

**April 5th** - Easter Monday (No school)

**April 12 - April 16** "March Break" (No school)

**April 22nd** - Earth Day

Please note **Picture Day** has been rescheduled for **Friday, May 14th**.

Kindergarten registration is ongoing.  
**Stay tuned for additional dates once we return to in-person learning.**

**CHARACTER TRAIT FOR APRIL IS  
ACCEPTANCE / L'ACCEPTATION**

... means celebrating others' differences.

Learn to accept  
people for  
**WHO THEY ARE,**  
not who you want  
them to be!

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**GR2 STUDENTS WILL REMAIN AT  
WESTMOUNT FOR GR3**

Rainbow's new Kindergarten to Gr 6 FI school is currently being built on the Lasalle Secondary School site. The new school, which will accommodate

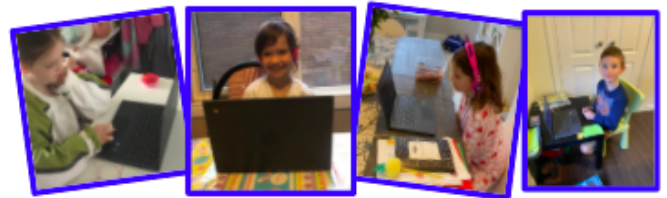
students from Westmount PS, Carl A. Nesbitt PS and Ernie Checkeris PS, is scheduled to open in September 2022. While construction continues, the Gr 2 students currently attending Westmount Avenue Public School will remain at Westmount for Gr 3 in the 2021-2022 school year.

This will eliminate a transition for students, ensuring greater continuity in learning and a smoother move to our new school.

**DELTA BINGO FUNDS  
SUPPORT LEARNING AT  
WESTMOUNT PS WITH  
NEW CHROMEBOOKS**



Delta Bingo continues to generously help us raise funds for technology and projects for our school .



New Chromebooks to increase our inventory are invaluable to support both learning at school and during remote learning at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community.



**Thank  
you!**



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## MATH TALK...

Fluency in Math is about so much more than basic math facts!

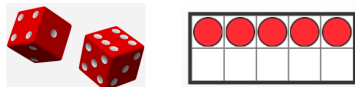
You have likely heard these terms associated with math skills: *flexible, mastery, automaticity, memorize, procedural fluency.*

Before students can master math facts, it all starts with understanding that numbers represent quantities. When young children first learn to count, they do not yet understand that the last number they say represents

the *number of objects*.   


Another milestone understanding is knowing all the combinations that make 10 (1-9 / 2-8 / 3-7 / 4-6 / 5-5). This is the foundation for math learning math facts to 10 and then 20.

This is why in Kindergarten we spend so much time playing games to recognize quantities without counting all (e.g recognizing the dots on a dice instantly) and making 10.



The game "Go Fish 10" is a game changer!



In Grade 1 and 2, we build on these understandings to move beyond counting strategies to having students use what they know about ten and facts they know.

Using what you know  
about ten to solve  $7 + 5$ .  
Think  $7 + 3 + 2$

Use facts you know:  
For  $6 + 8$   
Think  $6 + 6 + 2$

Flexible computation strategies are about finding a way to make the math easier.

Our goal with math facts is to support students in using strategies that will support them in being fluent and flexible with computations. Fluent and flexible thinkers can select the best computation method based on the numbers. Over time, students will also become faster as the combinations become more automatic and then we say they have mastered their math facts.

Remember, fluency and automaticity develop over time with lots of opportunities for practice with math games. And it is always easier to remember something that you understand.

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