

But Mrs. Siegmuller – I'm *bored*.....

.....*you can't be bored, you have a brain. Here's some ideas* to keep you from being bored.

### **Some of my favourite sites for thinking and learning.**

The first 'site' I would recommend is the public library! Go for a visit and stock up on books to read aloud together and some to read on their own. Non-fiction or fiction – you choose. Richard Allington, expert on literacy and teaching keeps reminding us that choosing what we read and learn will always, always help us be better readers. Don't forget to check out the non-fiction section and remember that you are never too old for a picture book.

My dad's favourite saying has always been "you learn something new every day". Write things down in your own "I learned something new today." book.

### **MATH**

Here's some sites that promote some mathematical thinking. Thanks to Carole Fullerton for many of these suggested sites.



Deep Sea Duel

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/Activity.aspx?id=3508>

You can set this to easy or hardest. The challenge is yours.

## Mental Maths

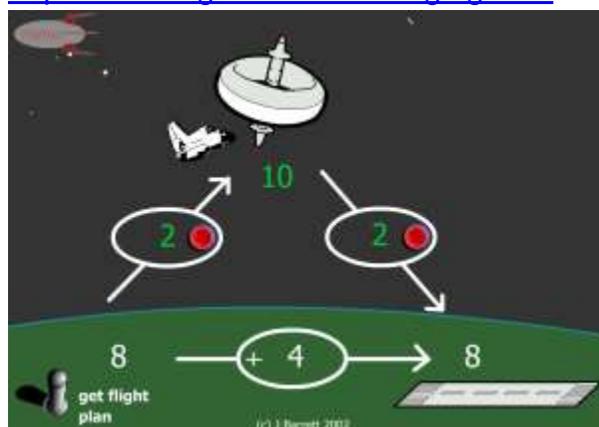
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?a=activity13>



Helps with mental math strategies and even gives you a strategy to use.

## Bridging Shuttle

<http://www.ictgames.com/bridging.html>



## Starfall

This is a favourite for many of our primary students and teachers. There are a wide range of games and activities for early learners.

<http://www.starfall.com/>

This next one will cover many, many things – science, social studies, math and will always make you go “hmmmm, I didn’t know that!” Perfect to spark our interest.



<http://wonderopolis.org/>

Amazing site with a ‘wonder of the day’. Encourages our thinking and wondering. Students can even send in their own wonders.



### **Writing**

Always best if we are writing about something we are interested in. This site has a list of ideas – a long, long list.

<http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/prompts.html>

### **How’s your handwriting?**

There’s often not time for this in our busy days. This site lets you print off some practice pages for printing or cursive writing.

<http://www.k5learning.com/cursive-writing-worksheets>

Not too much though – don’t want to start to hate writing because we have to keep doing soooooo many worksheets.

Don’t forget, you can practice writing on many different things – whiteboards, chalkboards, in the sand, making letters from playdough or wikistiks.

### **Write a letter to your principal**

- To request a special theme day.
- To ask permission to do a leadership activity to help someone in the community.
- To introduce yourself if you are new to the school.

Remember, if you are trying to persuade her/him about something, be sure to state your case clearly. Give reasons for your request and examples that may support your ideas.

Don’t forget to close your letter by restating what it is you are requesting and some manners (thank yous). Email it to me at [csiegmuller@sd22.bc.ca](mailto:csiegmuller@sd22.bc.ca)

Or- send it in a real envelope, learn how to write an address an envelope and buy the stamp.

**Write a letter to a new student at your school.** Hillview has many new students this year – in every classroom. Write a letter to one of our new students to tell them about yourself and also to tell them some things about Hillview. What do you think they will enjoy about being a student at Hillview. If you send it to me, I'll forward it to a new student at our school.

### **Research your team heroes**

Our Hillview Heroes teams (red, blue, yellow and green) each have two great heroes to represent their houses. The information about our houses are available on our website at <http://www.sd22.bc.ca/school/hillview/Programs/Pages/default.aspx>

Look into your house heroes and be all ready with facts about them for those trivia contests like Mr. Mulvaney had last year.

### **Socktober**

Check out the Kid President. He's from the US – but what an international idea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFZGyUZ9YrM>

Make plans to have Hillview participate in our own “Socktober”

- Write announcements for our daily announcements
- Write an article for the newsletter
- Make a poster
- Find out what organizations in town would be able to use socks for those in need.
- Write emails or letters to friends and family to ask if they will donate.



### **Bucket fillers unite!!!**

Make a list of things you can do to fill someone's bucket – or better yet – do something to fill their bucket. Write a thank you card to someone who helps you or someone you have noticed is doing something good. We don't want to let our bucket filling skills get low. Share how you found a way to fill someone's bucket by sending an email to me.

