

Off to a Great Start!

I am happy to report that the *Grade One* class is off to a great start to the school year! The children are getting used to their new classroom routines and are working hard on various assignments and activities. Thank you to all the parents for ensuring that your children come to school prepared for the day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Physical Education

As you know, P.E. takes place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember to pack their green or black socks as well as their black shoes! Everything should be labeled. It is also required that students have a PE bag to put their clothes into. Thank you!



Friendly Reminder:

Please remember to check & sign your child's Student Planner daily. This is essential in establishing successful home/school communication.

Please remember to check your child's homework folder every night for important notices/notes/homework assignments.

** Please remember to get as many Walkathon pledges as possible! Walkathon will take place on Friday October 5. Parents are encouraged to come out and get some exercise too. Please remember that dismissal will be at 1:00 pm that day!

Reading and Spelling

Our Home Reading and Spelling program is now underway. The expectation is that your child will spend approximately 10- 15 minutes each night practicing their spelling words. Additionally, students are taking home a book appropriate to their reading level every night. My hope is that students will develop their sight word vocabulary and fluency, but most importantly, will develop their love for reading.

Mathematics

Number sense has been the focus so far. Students have worked on:

- Reading and printing numerals
- Understanding numbers 1- 10
- Skip counting (by 2's, 5's, 10's)
- Daily Calendar activities
- Understanding words "more," "less," and "the same."

In October, we will start to work on:

- Identifying and Copying patterns
- Creating and Extending patterns (with 2 - 4 attributes)

Religion

This past month, we have been practicing the sign of the cross, as well as the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be. It would be wonderful if you could encourage your child to incorporate these prayers into your prayer time at home. Students are learning about the importance of being quiet and reverent during prayer time. Students have started to share special intentions. They are eager to pray for their families, friends, pets and for those less fortunate. Students will be participating in praying the rosary daily for the month of October.

Theme Work

During October, we will continue to work on our theme "Home and School Communities." You can review with your child what a community is, who is a part of their home and school communities, and discuss why communities need rules! We will also be doing lots of thematic work surrounding Thanksgiving and Halloween this month!