

NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents,

We are well into Grade One and doing a great job with reading and writing. With report cards and parent/teacher interviews just around the corner, I am looking forward to having a few minutes with each of you to discuss your child's progress.



Sickness As we are all aware, we are entering/continuing the cold/flu season. Thank you to those of you who have kept your children home when they are not well. The kids are troopers and work hard to catch up on missed work but their health is important! I'm sure the upcoming November break will help to get everyone rested up and in good health. In the meantime, students are reminded to cough into their sleeve, and keep washing their hands. Lots of rest and drinking plenty of water are also helpful.

Absences/Holidays Since report cards are coming up, we are in the midst of doing assessments. If you know that your child will not be at school due to an extension of our November break, appointments, etc. PLEASE let me know so we can ensure that we complete the assessments before they leave.

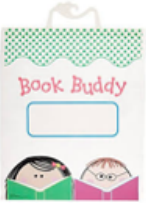
Parent/Teacher Interviews Report cards will be online on November 29 and interviews will be on December 3 and 5. More details regarding interview formats and sign ups will come in the next few weeks.

Treats & Sweets If your child happens to gain some extra 'treats' over the coming days (October 31 perhaps?), please monitor what they bring to school. Please only send one treat in their lunch each day in order to help maintain attention span. Please also double check that the treat they choose does not have any peanuts or nuts in it.



Parent Volunteers Please check the calendar that is sent home each month. If your child's last name is on there, that is your day to come in and volunteer! The volunteer times are listed at the top of the calendar. If you are unable to make it on that day (it happens!), please let me know. Thank you to those who have come in to help out! You are such a blessing!

Buddy Book Bags The children are doing well in their Guided Reading Groups. They are enjoying stories as well as Reading Workshop. Students should be reading and returning their Buddy Books daily as much as possible. These books are easier than the books they read during Guided Reading in order to support their love of reading. The hard work of your child (and you!) will pay off!



Take Home Folders Please ensure that your child packs their take home folder each night after it has been emptied. It is important that this comes back and forth from school daily. Emptying it every day helps time sensitive items more noticeable. Thank you for your support!

Spelling Spelling test words will go home on Mondays. On the calendar you will find the spelling words and test dates. On the test day, the students will also work to print a sentence (or two) on their own. As they print at home, encourage them to begin printing at the top of the letter, leave finger spaces between words, begin with an uppercase letter, and end with a period. While they should print the spelling words correctly, they should stretch the sounds of other words to represent as many as possible. Perfection is not the goal. Invented spelling helps them grow!

Club Reading Thank you for reading daily and signing the sheets! Many students have finished Club 25 and have moved on to Club 50. Congratulations! Whenever the sheet is filled, please send it in!

Folders/Water Bottles/Snack Please be sure to send a healthy snack (in a separate container, if possible). With colder weather comes extra clothes which takes more time to deal with after recess. Having a snack that is quick to grab helps us to get to math more quickly!! Water bottles, Buddy Books, and Take Home Folders should be sent in every day. Thank you! :)



Thank you, thank you, thank you! I am blessed to have such amazing support as I work with your fabulous children! Have a wonderful November!

Mrs. Christensen