



Wow! The first month of Grade One has come and gone! It always amazes me how quickly the time goes - each day, each week, and even each month! The students have been adjusting well to Grade One and the classroom climate. Routines are almost set and children are not quite so tired at the end of the day. We are in for an amazing year!

It was great to be able to do the **Parent Literacy Night** this year. There are some helpful documents on my website. I trust that the ideas you received will give you tools to build great literacy habits within your family. As a busy mom, I know how tempting it can be to push aside the reading time. Hang in there and stay the course! It will be worth it when your child falls in love with stories and reading!



Read In Week is from October 6 - 10 this year. We will be celebrating reading with some fun activities. On Monday, October 6, please have your child bring in a favourite book to share. On Wednesday, October 8 the grade ones and twos will have a Character Dress Up day! The costume does not need to be fancy! We aim for fun not perfection. :)

Buddy Book Bags have begun! These should be easy for your child to read. Please build the habit of listening to your child read every day. Once your child has read them, send them back in the bag, and your child will trade them for new books to read the next morning. Listen to your child read and reread their books to practice those reading skills! This reading absolutely counts towards the 15 minutes of Club Reading!



Guided Reading groups will begin this month. The students will be placed in groups based on individual reading levels. This allows them to read and be instructed at their reading level so they are both supported and challenged.

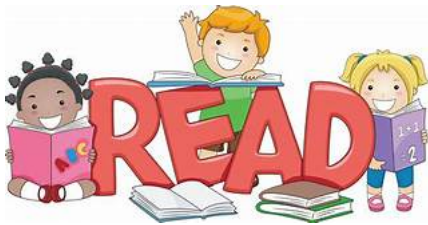
Volunteers Please check the calendar to see when you are listed. If it is your afternoon to volunteer, please check in at the office and come to our classroom for 12:10 pm to find out what fabulous tasks I have for you. :) Don't panic if you aren't on the calendar this month. I keep track (just like with the kids!) Your turn will come! Please let me know if you are unable to come on your scheduled day. If you still want to volunteer but haven't sent in the sheets from Meet the Teacher, please send them in. If you misplaced yours, you can find a copy on my website.



If you are planning to **pick up your child** rather than taking the bus, please send a note in your child's take home folder. You can imagine the difficulty in making a split-second decision as to whether or not your child is remembering the right day. A note can prevent confusion so we are not

making calls home to check - or making a call to make an extra trip to pick up your child. Sending a note makes it much less stressful for all!

As the temperature begins to decrease, please **label all clothing**. When articles appear in the hallway, gym, or other areas, it is so much easier to get the item back to your child if it is labelled.



Club 225 began just after the Literacy Night and will continue until June. Read to your child and/or listen to your child read for fifteen minutes, then date and initial the club form. Once it is completed, send it in for your child to receive a small prize and get the next club form. Remember that even if you read all seven days,

only initial six. If you have missed a few days already, no problem!

Just continue on and still send it in when the blanks are completed.

Having a **snack** in a separate container is really helpful since they only bring their snack into the classroom in the morning rather than their whole lunch kit. Thank you for remembering to pack a spoon or fork when necessary. That is a huge help! Keep sending in those **water bottles** and **take home folders**!



May we approach each day with gratitude for all the ways in which God has blessed us!

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