



Dear Grade One Families,

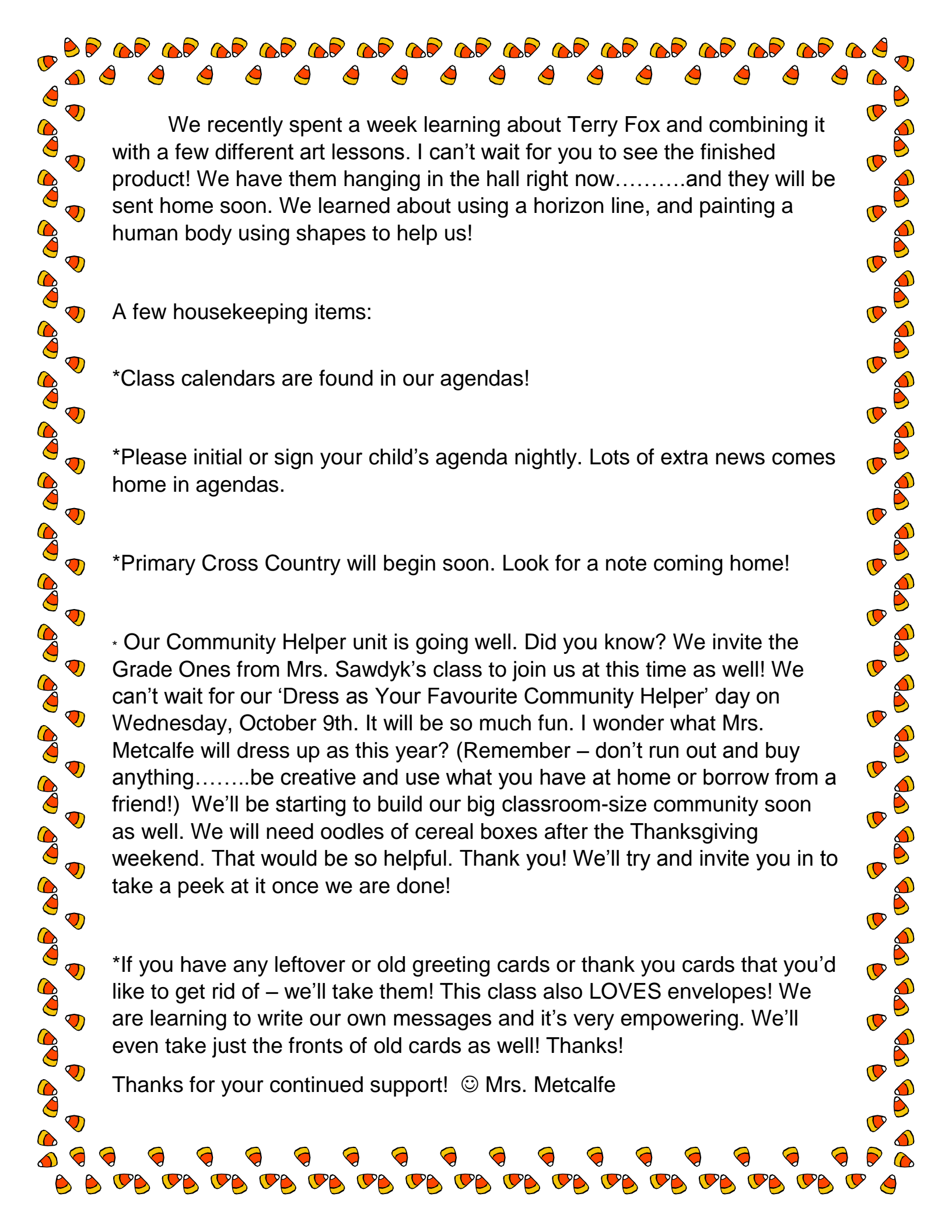
Well. We did it! We made it through the hectic days of September! Thanks for being so diligent with all of the paperwork!

We have been busy making our patterns in Math. The whole class is AWESOME at making ABABAB patterns. The tricky part is to now try and be creative and vary the patterns that we are making every day. We'll have a few more chances to show what we know before our first Math test this month. We'll be starting our Number Sense unit this month once we finish up with patterning. Be sure to find a neat pattern or two to wear later this month as we try and label the patterns on our clothing! (See the upcoming October calendar for a date).

We have successfully started our Literacy Centres while I teach our Guided Reading groups. We are learning to stay on task and to solve small problems on our own while I work with our SUPER READERS!

We have been talking a lot about Growth Mindset and why learning is good for our brains. The class is really enjoying some of our catch-phrases....."It's easy for some people, but not for everyone!" and "I can't do it by myself- yet!" We know that work is good for our brains and it helps us get smarter! Also, we are learning that Mrs. Metcalfe wouldn't give us anything that we couldn't handle!!!!

Our Read-at-Home program will begin soon. Please read the tips found in your child's reading folder when it comes home. Are you available to help us read in a hallway during the first block of the day? Please let me know. Thanks!



We recently spent a week learning about Terry Fox and combining it with a few different art lessons. I can't wait for you to see the finished product! We have them hanging in the hall right now.....and they will be sent home soon. We learned about using a horizon line, and painting a human body using shapes to help us!

A few housekeeping items:

\*Class calendars are found in our agendas!

\*Please initial or sign your child's agenda nightly. Lots of extra news comes home in agendas.

\*Primary Cross Country will begin soon. Look for a note coming home!

\* Our Community Helper unit is going well. Did you know? We invite the Grade Ones from Mrs. Sawdyk's class to join us at this time as well! We can't wait for our 'Dress as Your Favourite Community Helper' day on Wednesday, October 9th. It will be so much fun. I wonder what Mrs. Metcalfe will dress up as this year? (Remember – don't run out and buy anything.....be creative and use what you have at home or borrow from a friend!) We'll be starting to build our big classroom-size community soon as well. We will need oodles of cereal boxes after the Thanksgiving weekend. That would be so helpful. Thank you! We'll try and invite you in to take a peek at it once we are done!

\*If you have any leftover or old greeting cards or thank you cards that you'd like to get rid of – we'll take them! This class also LOVES envelopes! We are learning to write our own messages and it's very empowering. We'll even take just the fronts of old cards as well! Thanks!

Thanks for your continued support! ☺ Mrs. Metcalfe