



Hello Grade One Families!

We will be celebrating Valentine's day this month! I have already printed our class list of names and this went home in our agendas last Friday. I encourage students to do their own printing on their cards since we are big kids in Grade One now! We will have a little party that day. If you'd like to send in a small, peanut-free, store-packed snack, we would gladly accept it! **\*\*Please let me know if you would like your child to refrain from eating any treats on this day.\*\***

Our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is coming up soon! Stay tuned to our agendas for the fun we'll have planned for this special day.

We have had so much fun learning about Structures this month. We recently built a house to keep a pig safe from the Big Bad Wolf. So many houses were able to withstand the big winds! Way to go. We'll be finishing off this unit soon, but we will be doing a few more fun building challenges. **Thanks for all of the building materials!** Keep the cereal boxes and granola bar boxes coming in! Everything that has been sent in has been soooooooooo helpful!

Our class has spent some extra time with Number Sense lately. We've been doing addition questions every morning once we are unpacked. We have some pretty smart mathematicians in our room! So many of us are doing the questions in our heads. We have 2 next steps for most students. 1) Watch out for backwards numbers. 2) We'll be focusing on subtraction soon. Our little books of questions that we've been working on will come home in the next week or so as we finish them up.

Our regular math time has been focusing on 3D shapes. We need to name them, build with them and describe them with math words. We are doing well.

Thanks for your continued support with the reading folders. I am **THE PROUDEST** teacher at James Hillier. We are turning into quite the class of readers!! And our reading VOICES are really blossoming!!! We **LOVE** books so much! Mrs. Metcalfe ☺