

September News



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Welcome to our new SK / Grade 1 class. Thank you so much for your patience waiting to hear from me last week. With the sudden change in our class, all of my attention needed to be on making it a smooth transition for everyone.

Mailbags

A mailbag will go home each night with your child. In the mailbag you will find any notes or forms that have been sent home, student work and handouts. Each afternoon the Grade 1s will write their own message in the agenda. I will write the same sentence in the SK books, though last week many of them were choosing to write it themselves. The sentence is just to provide a little picture of part of our day that you can discuss with your child.

Reading & Homework

While students will not be getting "homework", it is a great asset to your child's learning if you can make a habit to sit down and read or listen to them read for 10-15 minutes each night. Once students settle in and the craziness of the beginning of the year passes, students will be bringing home a reading folder and books in their mailbags. Books will go home on Tuesday and should be returned on the following Monday with the

completed reading folder. Enjoy the books with your child, and have fun!

Literacy

We have begun our Jolly Phonics Program. Students will be working their way through the alphabet, learning the letters, sounds and using this knowledge to make words. We will also be focusing on the elements of a story (characters, setting, beginning, middle, end, etc.) during our class story time.

Math

Math is integrated into many parts of our day. This month our focus will be on sorting and simple patterning. Students will have the opportunity to explore patterns in their environment, and also create their own using a variety of tools. At home, go on a pattern walk. What patterns do you notice? Use lego, or other small toys to make AB or ABB patterns. Draw a picture of it and bring it in!

Library & Computers

We have already been to the library and each child has borrowed 2 books. This month our library days are:
Wed., Sept. 12
Thurs., Sept. 20
Thurs., Sept. 27

We use the computer lab twice a week. Mrs. Kearney and Ms. Tuck passed on your child's headphones from last year so most of the class is ready. Headphones are an important part of this time. Without them, our computers will not have sound.

House colours

Your child's house colour is written in your child's agenda today. This will be used for a number of theme days throughout the year.