

September Newsletter

Dear Grade One Parents/Guardians,

My name is Ms. Retuta and although I wish I was meeting you all in person, I am writing to welcome you and your child to our Grade One class! They will have an exciting year and I am excited to experience it with them. Since our theme for this year is *One Family, One Hope in Christ*, we will be building our classroom community based off of this theme, which involves you as parents/guardians.

The chart below provides a brief overview of what your children will be learning this term (September to January) along with various fun art projects in relation to the theme of each month or subject.

TERM 1 (September - January)	
RELIGION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prayer• Faith family traditions• How we are created by God
SOCIAL STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All About Me• Home and School Communities
SCIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather patterns
MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number sense to 20• Patterns• Equal and non-equal
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review letters and their sounds• Letter formation• Simple sight words• Sentence structure• Punctuation & capitalization• Tell & re-tell a story
APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS, & TECHNOLOGY (ADST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem solving• Internet safety• Sequencing objects to move• Create objects

A few things that are essential to your child's learning this year:

- **Homework Folder:** This folder will their agenda, notices, and any other important information or materials. They will go home every day and come back to school every morning. Please feel free to use their folder from Kindergarten if they are still in good condition. Otherwise, I kindly ask that you replace it for this school year. It must be large enough to fit a duotang in and must have a zipper or something to seal the bag (a large plastic Ziploc bag works well too).

- **Placemats**: Since students eat at their desks for both snack and lunch, I would like to ask you to buy one PLASTIC placemat that will be left at school. You can find these at the Dollarstore.
- **Music Mats**: Mrs. Prescilla is our music teacher and she has asked that every student in the school brings a small fabric mat that they can sit on while in the music room. This is due to the health and safety of the all classes that she sees throughout her days.
- **Reading Logs**: The Home-Reading program will be starting very soon and all students are required to participate as it builds their literacy and communicative skills. You and your child are to read together every night for 15 minutes. I will not be sending books home, however we will be using a program called Epic!, which is an online resource where I assign books to your child. The next morning, I will check that they have read their book through the online system. Each time your child reads 15 books, they will receive a sticker from me! I have provided instructions on how to sign in on the last page of this newsletter.
- **SeeSaw**: I am currently working on setting this up for your children. I am excited for you to watch your child grow academically and see what they are doing in class! I intend to post once a week and your child will post something themselves once every two weeks (sometimes more depending on the week).
- **Physical Education (PE)**: PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon. Students will arrive to school already dressed in their PE uniform and will stay in this uniform for the entire day.
- **Outdoor Recess**: The children will be playing outside for recess rain or shine. As the upcoming months get cold and wet, please ensure that your child arrives in appropriate weather attire.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your family. Good communication between parent, teacher, and student is very important for your child's academic growth and also creates a positive community that St. Patrick's Elementary continues to have! I will check my e-mail frequently, so please feel free to contact me at: charoretuta@spev.ca. Please stay tuned for daily e-mails and newsletters.

I am so excited to learn from your children, as they will teach me how to become a better teacher each day. We have an exciting year ahead of us and I look forward to sharing your child's experiences at school with you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Retuta

Laptops

Have your students open their web browser and

1. Go to **www.getepic.com/students**
2. Enter class code **hhx1893**
3. Select their name

iOS & Android

After opening the Epic app, ask students to:

1. Tap on **"STUDENTS"**
2. Enter class code **hhx1893**
3. Select their name