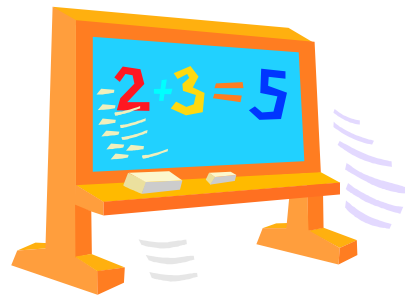


SEPTEMBER 2020



Welcome to *Grade One*! I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am to have your child in my class this year. Our primary goal this year is to promote growth and development in the spiritual, intellectual, physical, artistic and social/emotional areas. It is my hope that each student will try their best in all aspects of school life and that each family will be of support in this goal. I look forward to working with you and your child! If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Anna Lancaster
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Routines

A major focus for September is establishing new routines. Please ensure that your child is responsible for his/her belongings and actively participates in packing and unpacking their school bag at home. This will help them develop a bit of independence! Due to COVID, please stay up to date on all drop-off & pick up routines. This information will be communicated to you by Mrs. Sorochuk or Mrs. Evans (by email or on the App "REMIND"). If you are not already signed up to receive notifications on Remind, please do so with Mrs. Evans at the front office.

Healthy Eating & Allergies

I encourage all students to bring nutritious lunches to school! A balanced meal that includes fruits and vegetables helps small kids grow big and strong. Please do not include nuts or any kind of nut butter in your child's lunch because we have children in the school that are severely allergic. Of course, there will be no sharing food (especially now due to COVID.) Please continue to send a small tablecloth to school for the children to use during snack and lunchtime.

Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school, which can be left on their desk throughout the day. Research suggests that frequent intakes of water help children's attention spans, concentration and behaviour.

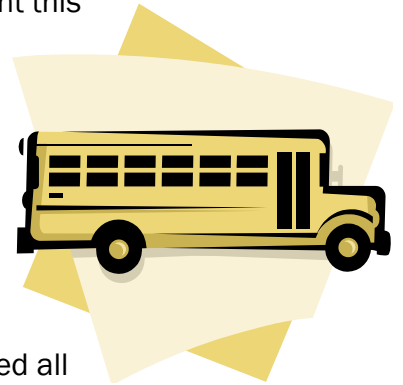
Physical Education

Grade 1 will have P.E on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children are asked to **WEAR THEIR P.E STRIP TO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS.** They will be allowed to remain

in their P.E. Strip all day. In the colder fall and winter months, they can wear sweatpants & sweatshirts over their P.E. strip. This will also give you a chance to wash their school uniform more frequently.

Lost and Found

Any items found within the classroom will be placed in our classroom "Lost and Found." If something remains in there for a long time and no one claims it, it will be moved to the lost and found area beside the office. Please check these two places for any misplaced items. Should your child accidentally bring home another child's property, please return it to school the next day. The best way to prevent this is to label **everything** including water bottles, lunch containers, sweatshirts, coats etc. Children are asked to leave all toys at home as items can easily get lost or damaged. They will be given the opportunity to bring a special toy into school when it is their turn for Show and Tell or on other special occasions.



Supplies

This year, the students school supplies are already here at school! Their crayons, pencil crayons, pencils, glue sticks, scissors, oil pastels, art portfolios, duotangs and notebooks are all ready to go. I have labeled all of their supplies for them already. The only thing that I'd like you to bring in at this point is a pencil box where they can store their supplies. Please email me if you have any questions.

Student Planners

We will probably NOT be using these this year. Please stay tuned!! Any announcements/ homework for now will be posted onto Google Classroom for now.

Homework folders

Please bring in a labeled homework folder for your child. Students will sometimes bring home various notices, permission slips, homework and home reading record sheets in this folder. Thank you! **Note: If their homework folder from Kindergarten is still in good condition, there is no need to buy a new one!

Scholastic Orders

Children will be given the opportunity to purchase books from Scholastic throughout the year. Please ensure you look at B.C. prices and send orders **BY CHEQUE ONLY.** (No cash) This makes the ordering process a lot easier. Thank you!

Fieldtrips

Unfortunately, there will be no field trips this year due to COVID. There may be an opportunity for some in-class workshops later in the year. Please stay tuned for more information down the road.

Student of the Week

Each week, we will have a “Student of the Week”! If it is your child’s turn, a notice will be sent home the previous week explaining what this entails. Part of this responsibility means completing an “All About Me” project, which must be brought to school on the Monday of their special week. All the pieces of the project should be cut out, coloured and displayed on a large piece of paper or a poster board. They will share this project with the class. They will also have a chance to bring in something special for Show and Tell that week.

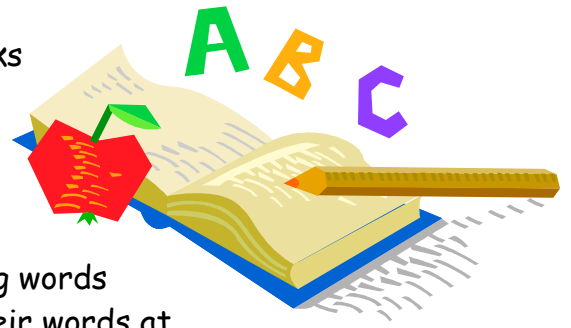
Religion

Our theme this year is “Walk with Jesus, Our Living Hope” Children in Grade One will learn that God created them, each unique and special, in their own way. We will talk about how Jesus is our friend and wants to be close to us. We will learn that Jesus is with us everywhere we go. We will begin the year by practicing our prayers.

Homework

In Grade One, students can be expected to have the following things for homework:

1. Reading - Students will read one or two books (of their reading level) every night. This year, we will be assigning home reading books online instead of sending classroom books home.
2. Spelling - Students will receive their spelling words every Monday. They will have to practice their words at home each night that week. We will have our spelling tests every Friday.



Math

A big part of the grade 1 mathematics curriculum is to develop number sense. This month, students will practice number recognition, counting and printing numbers. They will do activities that promote thinking of numbers in many different ways, and work on knowing what comes before and after a number. They will also begin a unit on Patterns.

***This year, the students' will have Mrs. Pineda as their Math teacher. She will be in our classroom everyday for math and extra LAC support!**

Theme Work (SS/Science)

Students will have the opportunity to share things about themselves and their families. We will begin a new inquiry unit on Home and School Communities this month.

Please note that usually we complete 1 "Theme Work" unit at a time. (Ex. We might do a Social Studies unit for 4 weeks, and then move onto a Science unit...etc.)