

November 2020



Hello Parents and Guardians,

October has flown by and we are now into our third month of *Grade One*! The students have been working hard at becoming responsible and respectful members of the class. I am happy to see that most students remember to do their homework and check in with Google Classroom assignments and announcements!



Reading and Spelling

Our Home Reading and Spelling program is now underway. The expectation is that your child will spend approximately 10 - 15 minutes each night practicing their spelling words.

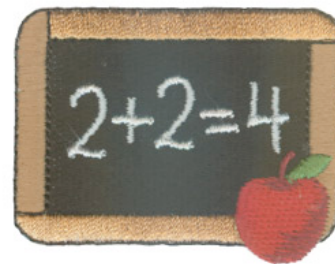
Additionally, students will read a book appropriate to their reading level every night. My hope is that students will develop their sight word vocabulary and fluency, but most important will develop their love for reading.

If your child is struggling with getting excited about reading, I suggest:

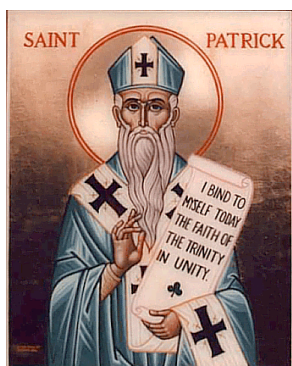
- making trips to the local public library (if yours is open!) to find books that they're interested in
- checking out reading websites such as www.abcya.com, www.starfall.com or RAZ KIDS. Login info for Raz Kids was sent out earlier this week.
- If you have an Ipad, there are tons of free, fun apps such as "Sight Words 2" or "Learn to Read"
- Model reading in your household!
- Make it an enjoyable experience - cozy blankets? One-on-one snuggle time with mom? Maybe a little snack? Just a few suggestions! 😊

Mathematics

In November, we will be continuing with building number sense to 20. Please try to point out numbers to your child on a daily basis (i.e. your address, price tags, street numbers, or phone numbers.) There are many ways that you can engage your child in simple, fun math problems and get them using mathematical language/vocabulary. A big part of the new curriculum is being able to communicate and reflect on their learning. You can help with this by turning daily events into math stories. For example: "There are 8 slices of bread left in the bag. If you take 2 slices out to make a sandwich, how many are left?" Then create a "number sentence" together to show that mathematics has taken place (i.e. $8 - 2 = 6$)



Religion



This month the students will be practicing the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be prayers. In November, students will learn that the saints are the "heroes" of the Catholic Church and will learn a bit about the lives of various saints and their call to service.

Theme Work

We will continue to learn about our home and school communities in Social Studies. In Science, we will be starting our unit on weather patterns and objects in the sky! We will also be talking about Remembrance Day and the importance of peace. The students have started learning a special poem called, "Peace Is Not."