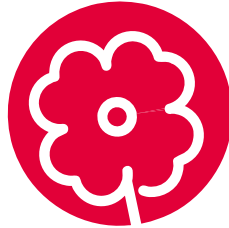


November 2016 Newsletter

Grade 1S



Dear Parents,

October has gone by very quickly. It is hard to believe we are beginning our third month of school. Thank you very much goes out to all the wonderful parents that helped with our Halloween activities last week. The children had a wonderful time!! Our themes for the month of November include:

- Remembrance Day - What it is about and why it is so important.
- Preparation for winter
- Christmas (end of November)

Language Arts

Reading: A continued thank you to all of the wonderful parents in 1S who are reading every night with their children. Some of the books that your children are bringing home are longer and slightly more difficult. If this pertains to your child, please feel free to keep the books at home for an extra night or two and read them through gradually. You can document this on their reading sheet for example by simply writing that they read from page 1-6 on one night and page 6-12 the next. That way they can continue to fill up their reading sheet with a space for each night that they read with you. You can also list any books that your child reads from home or the library. ALL READING COUNTS!!

Memory Words:

October 31 - November 4 - play, run, said, see, the

November 7 - 9 - No words

November 14 - 18 - three, to, two, up, we

November 21 - 25 - where, up, all, am, are

DOLCH sight words: Just a reminder to continue to practice the Pre-Primer word list at home. This list in should be mastered by the middle of November. I am sending a copy of the Primer word list home this month. Please do not work on the Primer list until your child has instant recognition of all the words on the Pre-Primer list. It is important that when you are working with your child on the words lists that you mix up the order of the words. This will ensure that your student is not just memorizing the words in a certain order. Thank you for all your help!!

Writing/Printing: I'm sure that most of you have noticed the amazing improvement in your child's printing since September in their agendas. They are all now quite aware of the way the letters are to sit in between their lines as well as the appropriate spacing needed between words. They are also working hard to write one or two sentences in their Journal every day as well.

Math:

We are continuing our **Sorting and Patterning** unit. The children are also being introduced at this time to the process of addition using manipulatives and diagrams.

Social Studies: We are still working on our unit entitled **My World: Home, School, Community**. The children are learning about the importance of Contributing to their school, home and communities.

Science:

We will finish up our Creating Colour Unit and will move into the Senses Unit towards the end of November. Students are beginning to use words like transparent and opaque to describe things that are see through and NOT see through. You can be asking them how colours can be made darker and lighter to make different shades, when colouring or painting and continue to

talk about what secondary colours (orange, purple, green) are made when two primary colours (yellow/red, blue/red, blue/yellow) are mixed. We are also looking at colours in God-made (natural) and "people-made" (manufactured) things. Thank you for your support at home. Conversations help the learning to stick!

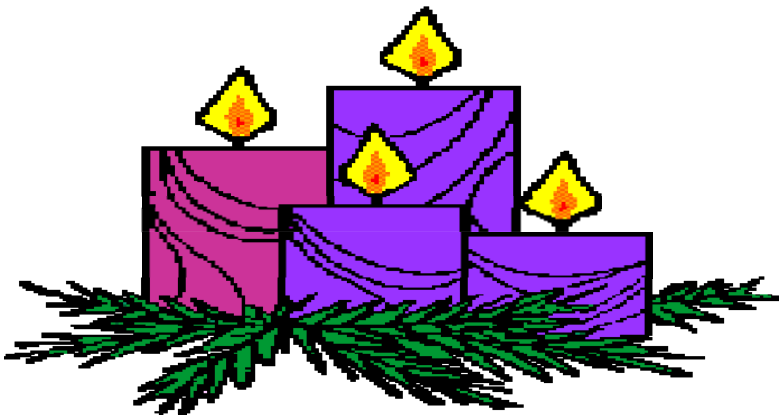
Sharing - Sharing is going very well in our classroom. Thank you for helping your child to bring something from home that is special to them, and helping them to think of interesting things that they can tell us about that item.

Scholastic Book Order

Attached to this newsletter is our book orders for the month of November. If you would like to order some books from these orders, please return them to our class by **Thursday, November 4th, 2016**. Please make your cheque payable to **Scholastic Canada Inc.**

Religion

In Religion, we are learning about Jesus and the Children. We will also start to talk about the season of Advent near the end of the month.





Star of The Week:

The "Star of the Week" program will begin this month. The name of our first star will be put in your child's agenda on Thursday, November 17. That child will be the special person for the week of November 21-24. Each child will have the opportunity to take part in this special week. Please help us celebrate your child as "star" by helping them put together a poster with information about themselves to share with the class. The poster will be displayed on the "Star of the Week" bulletin board for their special week and then sent home at the end of the week. Some ideas for the poster include: a current picture of them, other photographs that are special to them, pictures made by them and anything else that they would like to share. They can also use the top of the bookshelf which is beside the "Star of the Week" board to display any items that they would like to bring that are special to them.



Important Dates for November

November 2nd - 9th - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
November 3rd - **Read a Thon Family Dance 5:30-7:30**
November 7th - Opa Hot Lunch
November 8th - Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00
November 9th - Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00
November 9th - Remembrance Day Celebration in the gym @ 10:30
November 10th thru 14th - NO SCHOOL
November 21st - Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
November 22nd - Bucket Filling Assembly 12:45 in the gym
November 23rd - Picture Retake Day
November 25th - P.D. Day No School
November 28th - Domino's Pizza Hot Lunch
November 29th - First Week of Advent Celebration in the atrium at 12:45 p.m.

***** Please note children only receive Hot Lunch if parents have ordered thru the online orders. *****

Our class will be participating in the **Second Week of Advent Celebration** on **Monday, December 6th** at **12:45 p.m.** in the atrium. More details to follow.

Thank you for taking the time to read this monthly newsletter and for keeping the communication lines open by writing in your child's agenda! I feel privileged to work with such an amazing and supportive parent group!

Sincerely,

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