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## CONGRATULATIONS WALKATHON WINNERS!!

Well, April has snuck past us... and May is here! Walkathon was fantastic- thanks for all the awesome support! Congratulations to all the GRADE ONE PARENTS for raising the most amount of money in the Primary Department! We are hard at work planning a great prize... think movie, popcorn, bowling and pizza! More details to follow!

### Gift From God

Please be sure that you are covering the at-home lessons with your child, to ensure understanding of concepts and to provide opportunities for meaningful and important dialogue regarding problem-solving situations. It is written in the planner as "Gift From God: B". The Gift From God Homework Book comes home intermittently, but when it does, please return it the next day, as we sometimes work on this booklet twice in the week. Thanks!

### Scholastic Book Orders

THREE May Orders are attached; please return any orders/monies to school THURSDAY, May 5th. This *may* be the final book order of the year, so it's a great time to stock up on Summer Reading books... leave a note on the order if you would like for us to keep the books separate as a "Summer Surprise."

### Celebrating Reading

Since all the children are such amazing, confident readers, we would like to take the last 6 weeks of our time together celebrating this amazing feat! Beginning May 28th, we will be having two students each day read a story to their class. This story should be one that your child has selected, and has practised at home. A schedule will be sent home (it will be kind of alphabetical) with a notice attached, asking you to advise the title of the book your child will be reading. Your child should practise reading the title, author, and showing pictures to an audience. It is very important that they read loudly and clearly, at a good pace and with LOTS of expression! This is always very exciting for the class... and we thank you for celebrating reading with us! NOTE! This is READING the story- NOT MEMORIZING! If you need help selecting a story, let your child's teacher know!

## Curriculum Updates:

### MATH-

**Time:** Students are expected to read/draw the time for :00 (o'clock) & :30 (thirty) on digital & analogue clocks.

**Addition & Subtraction to 20:** We continue to practice facts to 20, and many students are beginning to memorize facts! We will be learning to read and solve "word problems" this term, such as: *There were 15 cookies on a plate. Two cookies got eaten. What is the number sentence (equation)?*  $15 - 2 = 13$ .

We are also learning to employ "adding tricks" like +10, doubles and near doubles (ie.  $5+5$  and  $5+6$ ) and also reviewing "Making 10" (such as  $7+3$ ,  $6+4$ ,  $9+1$ , etc.)

**Math Enrichment: Money** We will be enriching our Math Curriculum by learning how to count coins. We will be teaching this in two parts: counting "like" coins, a pile of all dimes/ all nickels, and also "mixed" coins, such as 3 dimes and 5 pennies! Even though the "penny" is obsolete, we'll be practicing these six coins: *Penny, nickel, dime, quarter, loonie, toonie.*

### LITERACY-

**Spelling:** Homework will continue into June (until week 16).

**Journal:** Students are expected to write 3-5 full sentences, with correct punctuation. Moving towards "proper spelling" using a dictionary is being encouraged.

**Reading:** Reading smoothly (fluently) with some beginning expression is encouraged. Sounding out new words (rather than them being provided) is expected.

### Upcoming Important Grade One Dates:

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Earthquake Drill/ evacuation practise

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Schoolwide Retreat Day; Mass (9:15) and Crowning of Mary (2:15);

May 21<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day – No school!)

June 15<sup>th</sup> – FUN DAY – 12:00 p.m. dismissal

June 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent Appreciation– 1:30 p.m.

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate Band/ Choir Music Sharing (1:30– Gym)

June 25<sup>th</sup> – No school– Teacher Planning Day

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Canada Day Assembly– Red & White Dress Down Day

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school for students – 11:00 a.m. dismissal – report cards go home

There will a class party, with ALL GRADE ONES attending together– Date TBD– info to come!

We'd like to wish all the GRADE ONE MOMS a wonderful, Happy Mother's Day! Thanks for all you do to help in the classrooms, but mostly, thanks for being such great moms, raising such eager to learn children! Have a fabulous day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. **Have a Happy & Blessed Mother's Day!**

# Celebrating Reading Form

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\*\*If you (or your child) need some help choosing a book... let us know and we'll provide help from the Home Reading Baskets... Thanks again!