

Grade 1 Newsletter

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Dear Grade One Parents,

Welcome to our "official" September Newsletter!

You'll notice that this newsletter is addressed to all Grade One parents! Since we have planned the year together, teach our themes together and at times teach the children together, we felt it would be best to have one newsletter going home so EVERYONE is on the same page. Our notices are great, but our websites are better! The websites are updated weekly- so check there for Weekly Reminders, posted notices, pictures of our learning, and when the time comes, Home Reading & homework information. Find us at:

Mrs. Bouvier: <http://mrsbouvier.weebly.com/>

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PE STRIP

The students are expected to change independently in the change room! You may like to practise this at home- especially the "take the uniform off- put it in the gym bag".

BOTH CLASSES need to have **PE Strip** at school on **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

PE Strip consists of: light blue t-shirt, blue shorts, runners, blue **school** sweat pants and sweat shirt. Please **CLEARLY LABEL** all items as many students change in one area.

UNIFORM

SWEATERS/ VESTS MUST be worn to school every day, and especially Fridays for Mass and Assembly. If your child is warm at school, it can be removed in the classroom. Uniform checks for names/ shoes/ socks/ proper pieces (old and new!) starts on Monday!

LUNCHES

PLEASE send your child forks/ spoons! Just a reminder that the school follows the GVRD Recycling Program, and as such, we must "sort" all lunch items. We have **BLUE** paper bins, a **GREEN** organics bin and juice box bins. WE ARE NOT ABLE to recycle plastics, so yoghurt/YOP/lunchables containers (etc.) are coming home in your child's lunch kit for you to recycle at home. Thanks for your help!

BIRTHDAYS

As many of our Grade One students have food allergies, we ask that you please refrain from sending food items to the classroom for birthday treats. Instead, please consider a non-food item, such as bubbles, bouncy ball, book, pencils. Thanks for your consideration!

KLEENEX

A-chooo! Please send in one box of Kleenex to help us through the upcoming cold season. Thank you!

SHINING STARS / SHINING OUT

In each classroom each student has their name on a star. Throughout the day, whenever a child demonstrates Stars 3 R's, Kindness, helpfulness, sharing, putting their hand up good listening or even gives a correct or great answer (etc), they get to move their name to the "Shining Out" area. It is a very big deal, and you can ask your child how they shined out today!

SIGHT WORD HOMEWORK

"Sight Word" homework starts Friday, Sept. 13th! "Sight Words" refers to 5 lists of words ("Dolch Words") which consistently appear in beginning reading books for children. Some of the words were introduced in Kindergarten (I, to, go, is, the) and others can be sounded out (can, but, it) but mostly, the words must simply be memorized. Each student will be given a **Personal Sight Word Booklet**, and 5-8 words will be highlighted in the booklet for your child to practise for the week. We suggest that you make these words into flashcards and practise them once or twice per day~ for 5-10 minutes throughout the week. If your child can easily read the words, feel free to challenge your child to spell them orally, or even print them. EACH THURSDAY please send the booklet back to school; your child will be tested, and un-learned words, re-assigned or new words given. To FULLY MEET Sight word expectations on the first Progress Report in November, your child should be able to *easily read* (not sound out) the first TWO lists (commonly called "Pre-Primer" and "Primer" lists.)

Good news! There are many websites and iPad Apps to help your child learn these words- Google or search the App Store with the key word "Dolch Words". Thank you so much for your support in this very important skill, and please contact your child's teacher with questions/concerns.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – DUE: **Monday, Sept. 16th**

Scholastic is a book company that offers kids books at great prices. The attached order forms give a brief description/ price of the items for sale, and the "due date" will always be indicated in the monthly notice- that is, the date by which you must return the order forms and money to your child's teacher. **Elf-See Saw** has books for Kindie-Gr. 1 and **Lucky** is more for Gr. 2. Orders take about 10 days to arrive, and the children get very excited when the books arrive. Your participation in the program is purely optional, but they do offer 10% back to the teacher, to order free books and materials for the classroom! We hope you take advantage of the chance to build up your child's library and help foster the love of books and reading!

By the way~ please return any September Book Orders to school by Monday, Sept. 16th. We strongly suggest that you use the "Parent Pay" feature, where you can pay on-line (see the order form for details), or the orders can be combined in one cheque made out to "Scholastic Canada Ltd."

Please watch the price columns carefully, and be sure to select the "BC" column. Some favourites...

SeeSaw ~ #14S1 What Does It Mean To Be Kind (\$6.00)

Lucky ~ #75L1- Stress Less (\$6.00)

Thanks for being on top of everything! We're off to a great year!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Angela Bouvier

Mrs. Jacqui Thomson