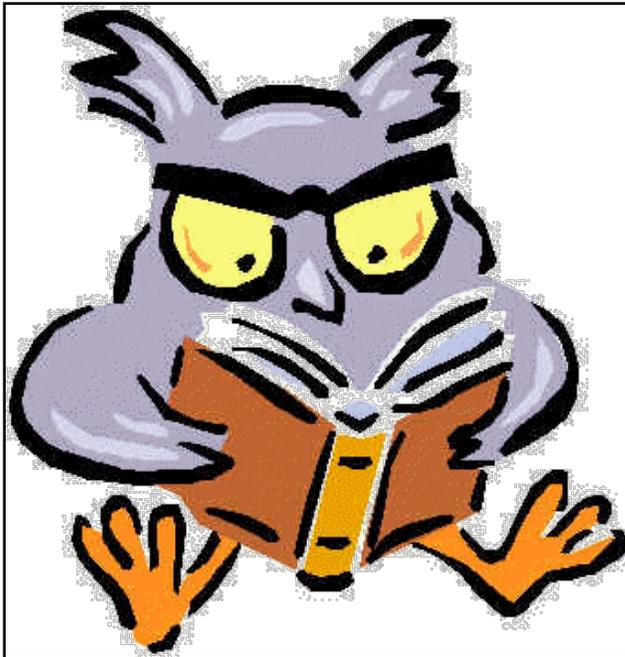




Grade 1 News

B.E.A.R. Club

(Become Enthusiastic About Reading)



The take home book club will begin later this month. After you sign the permission form, your child will be selecting books that should be **easy** for him/her to read. Set aside some time each night for your child to improve fluency and comprehension.

Remind him/her to use reading strategies (see website) if stuck on a word.

Students will independently select books and may choose the same one several times. Revisiting a book is a great way to improve fluency.

Friendship Feast

On October 6th we will be getting together with the classes of Ms. Ringhofer, Ms. Chant and Mrs. Picco for the annual Friendship Feast. After reading the story *Stone Soup*, we will get together for lunch.

All students need to bring their usual lunch, but they will also be offered soup and buns/crackers. Each class is asked to bring something for the feast.

Our class is responsible for the styrofoam cups and plastic spoons. There will be approximately 80 students participating so any donations are greatly appreciated. This is a fun, and tasty, way to bring our primary community together and to foster an environment of sharing and caring.

Thank you.

READING COMPREHENSION

Reading is more than just decoding (reading the text/words). It is essential that students understand what they are reading in order to ensure that they are reading books that are at an appropriate level. Here are some ideas for you to incorporate into home reading sessions:

1. Encourage your child to connect the



- story to him/herself (This reminds me of...).
2. Part way through a book, ask your child to make a prediction about what will happen next.
3. Discuss characters, setting, problem and solution in a book.



CALLING ALL COLLECTORS

In support of our classroom program, we are collecting the following items:

- fabric scraps
- adult size shoe boxes or kid boot boxes
- **grocery store/food flyers (OCT. 13 is last day for flyers to be sent in)
- toy flyers/magazines (from now until the end of November)



****We go through lots of Kleenex, paper towel and hand sanitizer. We are still in need of hand sanitizer for the classroom. All donations are greatly appreciated.**

DESK ORGANIZATION

If possible, please send in a binder and 5 duotangs for your child. These items will help to keep work organized.

Thank you to those who have sent these in.

WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO SUCCEED?

A back pack that is big enough to hold everything but not so big and heavy that it hurts my back.

Support both at home and at school.

A change of clothes and outdoor clothes that are seasonally appropriate (all labelled).

To get to school on time (8:40) everyday.



A well rested brain.

A full tummy and a lunch bag with healthy snacks, lunch and a couple of drinks or a water bottle.

Indoor shoes that I can do up. Proper outdoor footwear for the weather.



INFORMATION UPDATE

Forms were sent home early in September requesting updated information.

Most are back. Have you signed and returned yours? Please return them in your child's mailbag.



Letter Recognition and Sounds

It is essential to know the letters of the alphabet and their sounds in order to apply this knowledge when reading and writing.

Spelling

At the end of each month, students will be tested on several weeks worth of words; not the word families. Please check the calendar for the words of the week. Spelling City and tips/ monthly activities for home practice can be found on the class website. The goal of the weekly spelling is to give students opportunities to practice words in manageable quantities. It is expected that this knowledge will be transferred to reading and writing opportunities.

Reading

Please spend a little time each day supporting your child's reading. If your child is not yet reading words, encourage him/her to create, and tell, a story based on the pictures.

Rereading a favourite book provides a good opportunity for a new reader to gain confidence and work on fluency.

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For photos, curriculum news and class updates/changes, follow us on Twitter.

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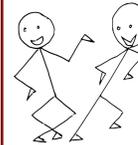
Calendar Highlights

- October 3rd- Picture Day**
- October 6th- Friendship Feast**
- October 9th- Thanksgiving**
- October 13th- last day for food flyers to be sent in**
- October 20th- P.A. Day**
- October 26th- Character Ed. assembly**
- October 30th- Picture Retakes**
- October 31st- Primary Dance**

October 31st

PRIMARY DANCE

Dances are a fun way to exercise and enjoy celebrations throughout the year. Our first dance will be on Halloween.



SPIRIT DAY/COSTUME DAY



Students can wear Halloween costumes or orange and black on the 31st. Students should come to school in their costumes. Your child will change after the dance so please send regular clothes in a bag.



Weapon accessories and masks are to be left at home.