

October Newsletter

Grade 1 – Ms. K. Good

Wow! September flew by. We have been busy learning the routines of Grade 1. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for REMIND. Keep reading to see what our focusses will be this month.



Language

This month we are working on sounding out words. This is an important skill for both reading new words and writing them. Students need to make sure they are looking at the whole word, not just the first sound. Our reading strategy for this is called "Stretchy Snake".

We will also continue our work on writing simple, but complete, sentences that make sense. Students need to use finger spaces, and lower case letters, as well as use classroom tools (example: the word wall) for spelling familiar words.

Math

Many students have learned how to complete a survey, tally results, and then graph the data. We will continue to do this during Math Centres.

Students will be working on counting by 2s, and counting backwards. Also, we have been talking about "10 pairs" - 2 numbers that make 10. Being able to recognize these pairs automatically is essential for developing other mental math strategies.

We will also be looking at patterning. Can students identify a pattern? Can they extend a pattern? Can they create their own pattern? Patterns can be based on colour, shape, size, and direction, just to name a few attributes. At home, try and make ABAC patterns and patterns that start and end with the same letter (examples: ABA, ABCA).

The Arts

This term we are focusing on music and visual arts. We are singing simple songs and playing with dynamics and tempo. In art, we are exploring the basic elements of art.

This & That

- ✓ Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle that they can leave on their desk, if they are not already doing so
- ✓ If students are away for illness, or other reasons, please call the office in the morning to let them know. 905-774-5460

Important Dates

- October 3rd - P.D. Day
- October 9th - Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 10th - Picture Day
- October 13th - Scholastic Due
- October 16th - Leader of the Pack Assembly