



October News

from Room 3



October 3, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. It certainly is perfect for all of the fall fairs! Thank you to the parent volunteers who met us at the Caledonia Fair. I think everyone had a wonderful day, despite our rather wet start.

This month in reading we are working on retelling stories. Grade 1's will mainly be using pictures and props as aids to retell, whereas Grade 2's will be using a 'Go Map' to organize their retells. In writing we are continuing the work on writing complete sentences. We have learned how to use **CUPS** to edit our writing for **capitals** and **punctuation** (A.K.A. **sentence stoppers**). So far we know to underline the beginning of our sentence with **green** and to check that this underlined letter is a capital, and to underline the end of our sentence in **red** and make sure that the proper 'sentence stopper' is used. We also know that proper nouns (i.e., the names of people, cities, pets, etc.) must have a capital. Grade 2's will be ensuring that all proper nouns have capitals, Grade 1 students are 'in training' 😊.

We are waiting for our subscription to 'RAZ Kids' to be activated. As soon as it becomes available, I will import the kids and then they can begin reading on the computer for homework. Until then please continue reading library books, books at home, internet resources, etc. for home reading.

In math we have finished our sorting unit (Gr.1 using one attribute like size **or** colour and Grade 2 using two attributes like size **and**

colour), and we have begun our patterning unit. For this unit we will mainly be working with repeating patterns, although we are also practicing growing and shrinking patterns as we skip count forwards and backwards from 100 and 200. Once again Grade 1 will work with 1 attribute patterns, and Grade 2 will work with 2 attribute patterns.

In Grade 2 social studies we have been talking about ourselves and our families. Thank you to everyone for their help in completing the Me Bags. Everyone did a terrific job sharing their personal mementoes. Our next big projects will be our timelines and family trees. In order to complete our family trees, I will be sending home a grid for students to collect personal family information. Please only share the information that you are comfortable sharing with your child. Like ourselves, our family trees will all be unique and special. If you possibly can, please include where your ancestors came from **before they came to Canada**. This may be recently or many generations ago. We have also begun to talk about the traditions behind some of our fall celebrations, and how our families brought some of these traditions with them from other countries.

Lastly, Halloween is fast approaching. Tuesday, October 31st will be Black and Orange Day. If you wish to send treats for the students on October 31st please remember that they **must** be individually wrapped and have a peanut-free stamp on the packaging/box. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe. ☺

Well, I think that covers the highlights, from Room 3, for October. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the school (905-765-4700). I will do my best to return your call as quickly as I can!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a spooktacular Halloween!

Sincerely,
Suzie Johnson

