

# September Newsletter

## Grade 1 – Ms. K. Good

Welcome to Grade One! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am excited to be back in the classroom and to have the opportunity to get to know everyone this year. This newsletter is jam-packed so take some time to read it over. Don't worry...they won't all be this long!

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### School Supplies

Students need a pair of **indoor shoes** they can manage independently and that are appropriate for gym. (Please no laces, unless students can tie their own shoes.) A pair of **headphones** are required for computer and tablet use in the in the classroom and the library. Please send an **extra change of clothes** that students can keep in their locker in case of accidents, lunch spills or mud puddles. Students are encouraged to bring their own pencil cases and supplies (crayons, scissors, glue sticks, pencils, erasers etc.), but we also have these materials available for students to use in the classroom as well. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Also, classroom donations of tissues, paper towels, straws, plastic spoons and Ziploc bags (any size) are always greatly appreciated.

### REMIND in the Classroom

This year we will be using a tool called REMIND. It allows me to send reminders and notifications to your phone or email (depending on your preferences). We have used it in past years, and found it very helpful. To sign up, please TEXT **@a3hg3h** to the number 226-271-1196. It's that easy! (More information about REMIND is attached.)

**REMIND is replacing agendas, as we will NOT be using paper agendas this year, so please sign up ASAP.**

### Twitter

Follow the class on twitter:  
**@grade1\_tces**



### Special Person

This year, students will have the opportunity to be the classroom "special person" for a week at a time. Please look for information to be sent home shortly

about how this will work and what it will look like.

### **Reading Program**

Reading every night is an incredibly important habit to develop with your student. Simply put, students who read become better readers. Our Reading Program will begin later in late September/early October and more information will come home with their reading folder. **PLEASE KEEP THE READING FOLDER IN THEIR MAIL BAGS AS THEY WILL BE USING IT EACH DAY AT SCHOOL AS WELL.**

In the reading folder you will also find a list of sight words students should work on learning and fun ways to practice reading and spelling these words!

### **Water Bottles**

Students are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to keep on their desk.

### **Breakfast Program**

This is a reminder that rather than “morning meal” in the classroom, students are invited to come into the school in the morning from 8:30-8:40 to take part in the Breakfast Program.

### **Lanaguage**

This month in language, students will be reviewing the concepts of print. We will also be reviewing letters and sounds. We will be working on a few independent reading strategies, including using “Eagle Eyes” to look at the picture and check the first sound. Students will be working on making predictions before and during reading.

In writing we will be working on making lists, labelling and writing a simple sentence, when given a sentence started. Students will be expected to use lower case letters (except for the beginning of the sentence!), leave finger spaces between words and use a period at the end.

At home, have students practice writing their first and last name so they can do this independently, if this is something that still needs practice.

### **Math**

In math, we will be establishing our math routines. Students will be working on sorting collections, using tallies and making and reading graphs. We will also be working on counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s. This is a skill we work be working on a lot this year!

At home, practice writing numbers to 10 correctly.

Looking forward to a great year!  
Ms. Good