

Dear Grade One Families,

Well. We did it! We made it through the HEAT and hectic days of September! Thanks for being so diligent with all of the paperwork!

We have been busy making our patterns in Math. The whole class is AWESOME at making ABABAB patterns. The tricky part is to try and be creative and vary the patterns that we are making everyday. We'll have a few more chances to show what we know before our first Math test this month. We'll be starting our Number Sense unit this month once we finish up with patterning. Be sure to find a neat pattern or two to wear later this week as we try and label the patterns on our clothing!

Our Community Helper unit is going well. Did you know? We invite the Grade Ones from Mrs. Dudley's class to join us at this time as well! We can't wait for our 'Dress as Your Favourite Community Helper' day on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be so much fun. I wonder what Mrs. Metcalfe will dress up as this year? (Remember – don't run out and buy anything.......be creative and use what you have at home or borrow from a friend!) We'll be starting to build our big classroom-size community soon as well. Please start sending in cereal boxes after the Thanksgiving weekend. That would be so helpful. Thank you! We'll try and invite you in to take a peek at it once we are done!

Be sure to watch the weather report for our field trip to the Safety Village. We will be outside for a bit at the end of our time there – so be sure to dress appropriately!

We have successfully started our Literacy Centres while Mrs. Metcalfe teaches her Guided Reading groups. We are learning to stay on task and to solve small problems on our own. We have a co-op student from BCI helping us out at this time as well. Her name is Miss Emily.....and she was a student of Mrs. Metcalfe's many moons ago. She'll also be helping with our Reading Bag program and listening to us read. Big thanks to you already, Emily!!!

In Grade 1 Music we have been having a lot of fun so far! In October we will start clapping to different beats, continue singing in unison and enjoy listening to, and singing some Halloween songs! In Health, we will talk about fire safety, traffic safety and of course, how to be safe when we go out for Halloween. We are off to a great start Grade Ones! ~Mrs. Getty

Thanks for your support! Mrs. Metcalfe ©