



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 every day. 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 month as we try and label the patterns on our clothing!

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 been talking a lot about Growth Mindset and why learning is good for our brains. The class is really enjoying some of our catch-phrases....."It's easy for some people, but not for everyone!" and "I can't do it by myself- yet!" We know that work is good for our brains and it helps us get smarter!

Also, we are learning that Mrs. Metcalfe wouldn't give us anything that we couldn't handle!!!!



Our Read-at-Home program will begin soon. Please read the tips found in your child's Ziploc bag when it comes home. Are you available to help us read in a hallway during the first block of the day? Please let me know. Thanks!

We recently spent a week learning about Terry Fox and combining it with a few different art lessons. I can't wait for you to see the finished product! We have them hanging in the halls right now.....and they will be sent home soon. We learned about using a horizon line, and painting a human body using shapes to help us!

A few housekeeping items:

- \*Please remember to pack a spoon with your child's lunch.
- \*Class calendars are found in our agendas!
- \*My prep time is at the very end of the day this year. This means Mrs. Dudley and Ms. Sabatino are dismissing the students and packing up. Thanks for your patience while we get in a good groove with checking our mail, packing up and wearing our outdoor shoes home.
- \*Don't forget to have a good pair of outdoor running shoes for Primary Cross Country practice ready to go this week. Please make sure they fit well and your child can put them on independently.
- \*We'll be starting our first social studies unit this month: Community Helpers!

Thanks for your support! Mrs. Metcalfe ☺