



Hello Grade One Families!

We will be celebrating Valentine's day this month! I have already printed our class list of names on the February calendar that went home in our agendas last Friday. I encourage students to do their own printing on their cards since we are big kids in Grade One now! We will have a little party that day. If you'd like to send in a healthy **peanut-free** snack, we would gladly accept it!

Our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is coming up on February 11<sup>th</sup>! We will be celebrating this very special day with lots of counting and fun activities planned in with the whole Primary (1-3) Hall. I CAN'T WAIT!

We have had so much fun learning about Structures this month. We recently built a house to keep a pig safe from the Big Bad Wolf. So many houses were able to withstand the big winds! Way to go. We even built some pretty amazing pieces of playground equipment! We'll be finishing off this unit soon, but we will be building one more fun project. Thanks for all of the building materials! Everything that has been sent in has been soooooooooo helpful!

Our class has spent some extra time with Number Sense lately. Some of us are still having trouble identifying numbers to 50.....especially those 'tricky teenager' numbers. What can you do at home to help? Count in the car, write numbers everyday on a white board or chalkboard. Show your child a big number and ask them to identify it. We'll be moving on to 3D shapes shortly.

We'll be welcoming new reading volunteers to help with our reading bags this month! We can't wait to read to them and show off our awesome reading skills. If you have misplaced your child's reading bag and need to get started again, please let me know. I've tried to write a note to all who have not brought a bag in for awhile, but if I missed you – please let me know!

Report cards will be coming home on Valentine's Day. We have worked so hard this term! So many of us have shown so much growth since the Fall! A lot of **well-earned** marks coming home soon. Thanks for returning the envelopes and comment slips after reading your child's report. I have tried really hard to include next steps for students on our report cards. The next steps should tell you what your child needs to work on to grow at school. If you'd like to work on some of those next steps at home – I would gladly appreciate the help. Thanks so much!

I have decided to reactivate my classroom Twitter account. I used it almost daily when Mr. Ouellette was our principal many years ago. Mrs. Marry supported Facebook to promote our school when she was here. Now that Mr. Nurse is our principal, he has taken over the school twitter account and has it up and running again.

Soooo.....

Please find me on Twitter **@MrsKMetcalfe** to see some of our fun pictures of everyday work and even bigger accomplishments! I'll start posting pictures this week!

Please fill in the form below and send it back in your child's agenda as quickly as possible. Thanks! Mrs. Metcalfe

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Yes! My child's photo is allowed on Mrs. Metcalfe's classroom Twitter account.

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No. Thanks. I'd rather my child, nor their work, be on Twitter.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_