



Hello Families!

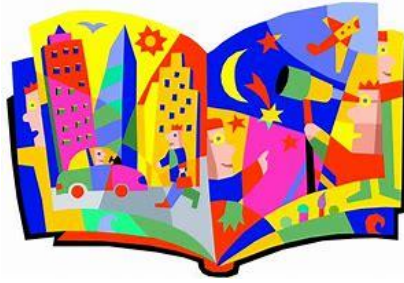
We are becoming quite the little readers here in Grade One. One of our most favourite games to play right now in class is Hang Man. I select a sentence and draw the spaces for it and students take turns to guess the letters. The class is getting **VERY GOOD** at identifying the little words now and figuring out the missing letters! I have not won a game in a long time! 😊 Try a few short sentences at home (I love you. I like you. I see the dog.) to start! Have fun!

We will be keeping track of the upcoming March weather with Lions and Lambs on our classroom calendar. We'll also be doing some fun art linked to this theme as well. We'll be talking about how using different colours can make us feel different ways.



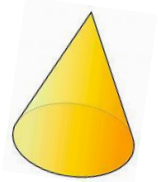
Our Structure Unit was a huge hit. Thank you so much for sending in so much beautiful junk for all of our building projects. We had so much fun building towers, beanstalks, bridges and our fun playground equipment. We have now moved on to our new unit, Energy in Our Lives. We'll be learning about different sources of energy, the power of the sun and how to conserve energy. (**Just a reminder that our class does collect used batteries! Send them in! We'd love to fill another bucket this year!)





Learning to read is hard!!! First, we have to read the words and then we have to show understanding of what we have read! We've been working really hard at identifying the setting, problem and solution in the stories we have read together. We have even been stopping stories in the middle and making predictions based on clues in the text. (We are pretty creative!) Students are now working on retelling a story in their own words.....making sure they are using the character name and words from the story. It's hard. But, we'll be experts by June!

In Math, we have been working on 3-D shapes and symmetry. We have a few songs to help us with the vocabulary. After March Break, my goal is to start Telling Time to the hour and half hour. (The snow days have slowed us down, but I'm not giving up!) The trickiest part of this unit is making sure the hour hand is in the right spot when we are showing a half-hour on the clock. We'll get it though!



Please don't forget to use our Raz-Kids account!!! The quizzes are very appropriate for comprehension activities. Please ask if you have misplaced how to log on/ or your child's password.

Our Read-At-Home program has been a hit with many students so far this year. Some of us are already on their 3rd reading chart!!! Way to go – and thanks to the parents who take the few minutes to do this every night. Lots of prizes are left – so if you haven't been reading lately – there is still time to fill a chart or two by the end of the year!

Thanks for taking the time to read our news! Please look for your child's new March Calendar coming soon in their agenda!

Mrs. Metcalfe ☺