



# Grade 1 Newsletter

## March 7th, 2017

### Important Dates

Labor day public  
holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

End of Term 1

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
2.30pm

Dear Grade 1 families,

We can hardly believe it is already Week 6 of Term 1! You should be proud of how well your children have adjusted to Grade 1 life.

Thank you to the families who attended our 'Getting to know you Interviews.' It was wonderful to meet you all and discuss your children. We appreciate your attendance, interest in the year ahead and for filling out the surveys!

We have been informed by the office staff that some contact details need to be updated. In order for our families to be kept in the loop, we require your current email address. For this week only, we have sent this newsletter as a hardcopy to ensure everyone receives this information. As a sustainable school, we will email our newsletters to you on a fortnightly basis.

We have been impressed by how many students have been self-managing and recording their daily reading in their diaries! Children have been very organised, remembering to bring their diary to school every day. We use our diaries throughout the week for ICT, spelling, communication etc. Keep up the great work Grade 1!

Enjoy your Labor Day long weekend!

Megan and Tania : )

# THE 'INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT' FORMS!

If you haven't already, please return the following notices ASAP:

- Emergency SMS contacts form
- Extreme fire days form
- Photo permission
- Local excursion permission form
- Internet code of conduct

Thank you to those families who have signed and returned these forms, we appreciated your assistance in helping the school to stay up to date with all essential information.

## SPELLING

In Grade 1, our aim is for students to know how to read and spell the first 50 words derived from the MIOOW list. Some students may move beyond this point and be working towards the first 100 or even 200 words.

This week we have kicked off our new spelling program! Woo hoo! We have been busy testing your children to determine their colour (i.e. gold, red etc). Children will be given a word list each Monday and this will be glued into the current week of their diaries. They will be tested on Friday mornings by their Grade 4 buddy. Incorrect words will go onto the following week's spelling list and new words will be generated from the 'colour' words they are working through.

There are various components to our spelling program. Successful spelling is not only about recall, but the ability to transfer this knowledge to their writing. It needs to be meaningful and relevant. As a result, you may see some previous words pop up if we notice they are not transferring to their writing. Your child can practise their words at home in many fun ways! Tracing in flour or sand, building them with lego or typing them on the computer are just some ways your child can practise their weekly spelling words!



# READING EGGS

This week we will be sending home your child's login details for 'Reading Eggs.' ABC Reading Eggs (and Reading Eggspress) is an online reading program to encourage and support your child's reading. Reading eggs will be incorporated into our ICT program, however your child may enjoy practicing their reading at home also. Login and password information will be glued onto the front cover of diaries for easy access. Enjoy!



# SCHOOL PICK UP

Just a reminder in regards to pick up in the afternoon. Now that your children are in Grade 1, we will not be at drop off until **3.25pm**. Only Prep students and their siblings will be at drop off at 3.15pm. We appreciate your help by following drop off procedures such as doing a 'loop' if you're waiting and arriving on time to prevent traffic congestion. If you're going to park to pick up your child, please refrain from doing so in the staff car park as it is a safety issue. Thank you for your assistance!



# *Class donations*

With the constant changes in weather, we have seen many colds and runny noses in Grade 1! To help us battle the empty tissue box war, we would greatly appreciate it if each student could please donate a box of tissues to the classroom.

The children have been enjoying our Friday Raffles to celebrate their hard work throughout the week. We love bringing in prizes for the raffle, but our supply is low! We would be thankful for any donations (i.e. small items such as rubbers, bouncy balls etc). Big W and the \$2 shops have a good selection. THANK YOU!



