

October 1, 2024

Dear 1A Parents,

Wow! We've already completed the entire first month of Grade One! It always amazes me how quickly the time goes each day, each week, and now each month.

Spelling Tests

Just a reminder you DO NOT need to return the spelling test each week. Corrections should definitely be made on words that are either spelled incorrectly or printed incorrectly, but I do not need to see those corrections. Remember to refer to the class website for creative ways to practice spelling words. **The class website also has the spelling list for the entire year.**

Also, while they are practicing, please watch how your child is:

- Holding their pencil.
- Forming the letters. Letters and numbers should ALWAYS be started at the top! We are talking a lot about tall letters, small letters and letters that fall.

Theme

Our theme for the month of October is "Thanks!"

As one of our ways to celebrate Thanksgiving in a fun way, we are asking you to work with your child to disguise the turkey that came home today so that he doesn't become turkey dinner! Over the years some VERY creative submissions have been turned in. This is an activity that you can work on with them, so have fun! When my son was in grade one I think I had more fun with this than he did! (Note: the turkey is also at the end of this newsletter if you want to print it out.)



Read In Week

October 7-11 is “Read In Week”. We will be emphasizing reading even more than we already do and participating in some fun activities. On Wednesday, Oct 10th we will have **Book Character Dress Up Day**. This is only for the Grade 1 & 2 students. Please have your child wear their favourite costume from their favourite book! If their costume doesn’t line up with a book, that is totally ok as well. We do ask that costumes are not creepy or gory or evil in any way. We want costumes to line up with the Christian philosophy that we hold dear here at SCE. Also, we do not dress up for Halloween at SCE.

Buddy Book Bags **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

This week a “Buddy Book Bag” or some Game Bags will start coming home each day. These bags will hold books that are at your child’s reading level and that they feel comfortable reading to you. Some of you will receive a literacy game for your child to work on. Please build a habit of having your child put the bag and books back into their backpack immediately after reading so that the books are less likely to be misplaced.

The key to having success with learning to read is, in large part, the amount of reading that your child does. The more, the better!!! Your child should be reading their Buddy Books every night and exchanging them for new books every day.

PLEASE SEND THESE BOOKS BACK EVERY DAY!!!!

If you notice the same books coming home day after day, please let me know. We allow the kids to choose their own books, but sometimes they try to take the same books every day ☺.

Lastly, if these bags become damaged, we will NOT be able to replace them due to cost, so please treat them like they truly are your “Buddy”.



Guided Reading

Guided Reading groups will begin after Thanksgiving. The students have been placed in groups based on their individual level of reading. This will be a time for them to read in a small group and have some more direct reading instruction from the teacher. Those students who are not with a teacher on a particular day will be reading to themselves and with a partner.

Photo Retakes

If you are not happy with your child's school photo, picture retakes are on **Thursday, Oct 17th**. You should have all of the necessary information on the photo proof that came home on September 19th. **Please send a note if they are going to get a retake on that day.**

Also that day we will have our Class photos taken.



Student Pick Up/Appointments etc.

If you are planning to pick up your child from school on any given day instead of letting them take the school bus, please send a note in your child's mail folder that morning. You can imagine that it is difficult to make a split-second decision when the busses are pulling away as to whether to believe your son or daughter that their parent has told them not to take the bus that day. Students often get messages wrong and then we are making calls home to ask if you would please pick up your son or daughter. This just makes it a whole lot stressful for both the students and their teachers.

Did I mention ... Please Label Everything!

The title of this paragraph says it all!!!

(mittens, food containers, shoes, hats, snowpants, boots etc).

This benefits all of us 😊

Library

When we don't have school on Friday, Library will always be on Thursday instead of Friday.



Thanks for your support so far this year. As we approach Thanksgiving, I am truly finding myself thankful for each of my students and you, their parents. I know that as a society we are all feeling depleted. My prayer for you this Thanksgiving is that you will find rest in the presence of Jesus and that He will reveal to you the many blessings in your life. I know that sometimes it's easy to focus on all the things we've lost over the past few years, but I am encouraging the kids to always try to think about the many things we still must be thankful for. I hope you can do the same. Our God is an awesome God!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones.

God Bless you,

Mrs. Vader

Here's a little video that we play for the kids every year at Thanksgiving Chapel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpNMhjnENZ0&t=20s>

*Don't be a turkey,
just give thanks! ☺*

For The Fridge

Bible Memory

“He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:3-4

Popcorn Words/Spelling (Fridays)

Oct 3 – Week 4: no, can, go, love, that. *TEST ON THURSDAY*

Oct 11– Week 5: Sound of the week: sh. Snap words: me, we, but, for

Oct 18 – Week 6: Sound of the week: ch. Snap words: he, she, made, of

Oct 25 – Week 7: Sound of the week: th. Snap words: does, goes, good, has

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Brayden Birthday	2 Early dismissal 2:15 p.m.	3 Library Spelling Test Week 4	4 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning Day for staff
7	8	9 Chip Day Helper: Hunter	10 Book Character Dress Up Day	11 Thanksgiving Chapel Library Spelling Test Week 5
14 Thanksgiving No School	15	16	17 Picture retake/class picture day Helper: Dytiuk Anthony bday	18 Library Spelling test Week 6 Hot lunch
21 Bible Memory this week	22	23 Chip Day	24 Helper: McGrath	25 Library Spelling Test Week 7
28	29 Helper: McWilliam	30	31 NO DRESS UP TODAY!	

Will you please disguise me so that the farmer won't recognize me and cook me for dinner!!





