

October 31, 2024

Dear Parents,

We are well into Grade one and well onto our way with our reading and writing as well. With report cards and parent teacher interviews just around the corner, I am really looking forward to having a few minutes with each of you to discuss your child's progress. Thank you from the depths of my heart for all the work you are doing at home with reading and spelling and Bible memory. I know that it can get to be a lot some evenings and I am extremely grateful to all of you for hanging in there! I promise that the books that your child brings home will get more interesting.

Sickness

As we are all more aware than we ever wanted to be ☺ we are entering the Cold/Flu season. Thank you to those of you who have kept your children home if they are not well. The kids are troopers and always work hard to catch up on missed work, but their health is much more important! I'm sure the break from November 11th-15th will help to get everyone rested up and in good health.

If your child needs to be home due to illness, please try to continue reading with them if possible. As for other work, we will catch them up once they return to school.

PLEASE Label Winter Clothes

Often, in a school of our size, items of clothing go missing. Please label all mittens, toques, snow pants, jackets, scarves, boots, and other items that will be used at school. If your child wears a sweater or hoodie over their clothing, it is beneficial to label those as well. They often remove them during Phys. Ed or if they become too warm in class. We already have several items in the Lost and Found which will be laid out on tables during Parent Teacher Interview week. If an item of clothing has gone missing, feel free to pop by the school and take a peek! Please just check in at the office when you come.

Absences/Holidays

If you know that your child will not be at school due to an extension on our November break, appointments etc., **PLEASE** let us know so that we can ensure that we complete their assessments before they leave. Because report cards are due shortly after the break, the week before the break will involve lots of assessment.

Also, if your child needs to miss a part of the school day for appointments, or sickness or any other reason, it is always better for them to miss the afternoon. In the morning, we have Language Arts, and it will benefit them more to be here in the morning. Thanks for taking that into consideration.

Just in case any of you aren't able to go on a beach vacation, I thought we could just gaze at a picture of a couple of beaches instead! Sigh!



Not helpful, eh?

Spelling Program

Our spelling program has begun.

Here is a quick “refresher” on how it will work:

- **Monday:** a list of 4 words will come home.
- **Friday:** we will have the test. It has three parts:
 - 4 words that are SNAP words (that means we can read them in a snap)
 - 4 words that incorporate the sound of the week.
 - 1-3 dictation sentences.

****PLEASE CONTINUE DOING CORRECTIONS AS A BENEFIT TO YOUR CHILD!!!**

SPELLING TESTS AND CORRECTIONS DO NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

I am very excited for in person Parent Teacher Interviews. You will need to be prepared to sign up for a time slot about a week in advance. If you go to the SCE website and read the November newsletter, you will find more information.

PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY!!! I find that interview times are extremely valuable. Interviews will be on December 3rd and December 5th.

The school newsletter can be found at this link: <https://www.scaelementary.ca/>

Treats and Sweets!

If your child happens to come into possession of some extra “treats” over the coming days (Oct 31st perhaps), PLEASE monitor the amount they bring to school! I am asking (on bended knee with my very best “puppy dog eyes”) that they bring only 1 treat in their lunch each day in order to maintain their attention span (and my sanity!!!).

Sharing with the teacher is encouraged! ☺

Remembrance Day Chapel

Our Remembrance Day Chapel is on Friday Nov 8th. PLEASE NOTE: This chapel will begin at 10:45 and not the usual time of 9:15. Parents, Grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us in the gym for this chapel. As with all chapels, your grade one student will sit with their class, but you are welcome to come and say hello before or after the chapel. Your child will also bring a poppy home on that day. We will be having some conversations about the military, peace keeping and the joy that we have being able to live in a free country. I’m sure that over the past few years, we’ve all reflected on our freedom in some form.



I hope that November is a special month of rest and reflection on all the wonderful things that life in Canada allows us. I am particularly thankful for the freedom to teach in a Christian school and talk about Jesus in public.

Happily serving our Saviour,
Mrs. Vader

For The Fridge

Bible Memory

“Psalm 23: 5-6 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Bible memory will be recited during the week of November 25th.

Spelling

Nov 4-8 – week 9: do, four, an, got

Nov 18-22 – week 10: all, are, her, him

Nov 25-29 – week 11: your, two, as, school

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				Spelling test Library
4	5	6	7	8
Spelling Week 9 Sound: qu	First Nations, Metis and Inuit Food tasting Isaac's bday	Chip day Early dismissal 2:15 p.m.	Helper: Zeller	Spelling Test LIBRARY Remembrance Day Chapel at 10:45 am Justin's birthday
11	12	13	14	15
November break NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
18	19	20	21	22
Spelling Week 10 Sound: ar Helper: McCoy		Helper: Cawthorpe		Spelling Test Hot lunch LIBRARY
25	26	27	28	29
Spelling Week 11 Sound: short vowels Austin's bday	Helper: Onofrechuk	Chip Day	Helper: Allard	Spelling Test LIBRARY Helper: Lee

If your parent helper day doesn't work, please email and we can reschedule!