

August 29, 2024

Dear parent(s),



My name is Mrs. Janet Vader and I will be your child's grade one teacher this year. I am looking forward to working with you and your child. I trust that our partnership will be one that is glorifying to God as we get to know each other and do all we can to share in your child's success.

Newsletters

Please note that this is the only newsletter in a printed format that you will receive. Each month, the newsletter and calendar will be posted online for you to view on my webpage at www.sca1a.weebly.com/. The link to my website is also on the Take Home Folder that will come home and back to school each day.

The information in these newsletters and calendars are very important, so please take the time to view them at the beginning of each month. This is where volunteers will be notified of which days they are parent helper throughout that month.

School Theme

Each year our school has a theme. This year, our theme is **"The Lord is my Shepherd."** Our theme verse is **Psalm 23:1** which says: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing."

Two Very Important Evenings

Please plan to attend our **Meet the Teacher Night** on **Wednesday, September 18th** and our **Parent Literacy Night** on **Tuesday, September 24th**. Both events will be beneficial in being actively involved in your child's success. The information that you will receive at each event is crucial. These will be "adult only" evenings.

More information will come home closer to these dates.



Bible Memory

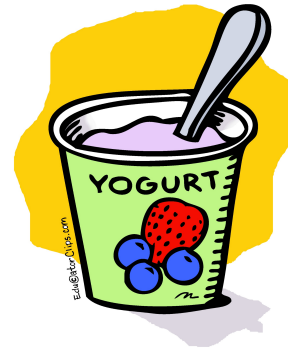
Each month the students will be memorizing a Bible verse, which will be part of their Bible mark. The Bible Memory verses will be on your monthly newsletter. Students will usually recite their verse sometime during the last week of the month. Please practice at home with them to ensure success in this area. Our verses for Grade one are: all of Psalm 23 and John 3:16.

Sleep, Food and Drink

During the first few weeks we will be adjusting to grade one and establishing our routines for the year. Your child will probably be quite tired during this time as they adjust to full days, five days a week.

Please send a **nutritious snack** with your child every day that they can enjoy part way through the morning. If you use a Bento Box style lunch kit, **PLEASE ensure that the healthy morning snack is in some sort of separate container so that it's easy to grab.**

Also, it is a great idea to send a SMALL sip-type water bottle that your child can have at his/her desk. Bottles that are tall and have screw tops tend to spill frequently. We will send water bottles home every day to be washed for safety/health reasons. Please label with your child's name.



Water bottles with a straw



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Spelling Tests

Spelling tests will begin the week of September 13th. A master list will be given out at Meet the Teacher Night on **September 18th**. Your child will bring the words home on Mondays.

From September 13th to October 3rd, we will be reviewing all the words from kindergarten and testing each Friday (or Thursday if there is no school on the Friday).

Then we will begin our new, Grade one words on October 7th. More information will be given at the VERY important **Parent Literacy Night**.

Read, Read, Read!!!

Please read to your child every night (or listen to them read if they are already able). This will make a huge difference as they learn to read because it will get them excited about books and about reading!



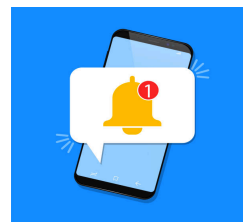
Scholastic Book Orders



You will also be receiving Scholastic book orders on a monthly basis. Please do not feel obligated to purchase these products, however we do receive free books and other educational materials for our classroom when any books are ordered. It worked very well last year to pay for books online by going to www.scholastic.ca and then clicking on Reading Club under Family. You will see a class code on the paper catalogue and you can enter that so that rewards are directed to the 1A account.

For The Fridge

Included with this newsletter you will find a sheet with very important information called "For the Fridge". Please stick this on your fridge or bulletin board and keep it handy as a reference! I cannot stress enough how important this is! PLEASE commit to 5-10 minutes a month to read the newsletter and print the calendar page. **Maybe it would help to put a reminder in your phone for the first day of each month!**



School Photos

Please look for a package coming home soon regarding **school photos which will be taken on Tuesday September 10th**. Last year's photos turned out very well and I know you will be pleased with the results ... but just in case you aren't, there will be a Picture Retake Day later. My mom's favourite picture of me was my grade 2 picture with my ratty old t-shirt and messy hair! Haha. If you happen to forget picture day, there is still hope 😊.



Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run is on **September 20th**. Please send your child with a donation on that day. Also, please wear your blue SCA Eagles t-shirt if you have one.



Chip Day

The school will be selling potato chips for \$1 on specified chip days throughout the year beginning in September. The profits from these sales go towards a missions project. You can prepay for all chip days for the year through our Munch a Lunch program. **More information will come on Meet the Teacher Night.**

If you prefer to pay in cash on the actual chip day, simply send in \$1 on the indicated Chip day if you would like your child to have chips and they will order them first thing in the morning and receive them at lunchtime.



Parent Helpers

I absolutely love to have parents come in and help out in the classroom. If you are interested in coming to help, please know which days of the week you are available when you come to Meet the Teacher Night. Once I know everybody's availability, I will begin scheduling names into each monthly calendar. If you would like to come in during the month of September, please e-mail me or phone me and we will arrange a time.

Contacting Me 😊

If you need to communicate with me, feel free to send a note, e-mail me or phone me at the school. My days are very busy with your children, and I ask for your grace, as I may need a day or two to respond. I will do my best to reply as quickly as possible.



Birthday Celebrations

Most children choose to bring in a birthday snack on their birthdays. If you would like to participate in this, please send your snacks along with your child in the morning and label your container(s) with your name on them if you want them sent back at the end of the day. If your child's birthday falls during a school break or on the weekend, we will pick a date close to their birthday to celebrate.

Please refrain from sending whole cakes that require knives and plates and cutlery as this becomes difficult to accommodate. **All snacks MUST be nut free.** For hygiene purposes, it would be best if you could send pre-packaged individual snacks, but cupcakes and other snacks will also work. Below are a few items that parents have brought in the past.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE 27 CHILDREN IN THE CLASS ... AND ONE TEACHER 😊

If your child has a dietary need, please come and talk to me or email me.



Whew! That was A LOT of information! Thank you for taking the time to read all of this!



I am looking forward to meeting you or seeing you again if we've already met! If you have any questions or concerns before Meet the Teacher night, please contact me at the school. I know that Grade one can seem daunting at first, but I am excited to begin this exciting journey with you and your family!

PLEASE KNOW ...

I am excited to join with you in prayer as we work together, as a team, to help your child feel safe in these continued strange times. My goal is to help your child be the person God created them to be, to recognize their identity in Christ and to absolutely thrive in grade one!

I am excited for this coming school year and the amazing memories that we will share together as we partner in the learning success of your child. Your grade one journey has begun!

For my Saviour,
Janet Vader

September's For the Fridge

Bible Memory

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters. Psalm 23:1-2

Spelling – review of Kindergarten popcorn words for the first few weeks

Sept. 9-13 a, it, I, on, am
Sept. 16-20 to, see, is, in, mom
Sept. 23-27 the, you, and, my, dad

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | August 29 First Day of School | August 30 |
| 2 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY | 3 | 4 Early dismissal 2:15 p.m. | 5 | 6 First Library |
| 9 | 10 Picture Day! | 11 Harrison bday August | 12 | 13 Library Spelling test week 1 |
| 16 | 17 Miller bday August | 18 Meet the Teacher Night 7:15 p.m. (Parents only) | 19 Club Reading begins | 20 Library Spelling test week 2 Terry Fox Run 1A runs at 11:05-11:35 |
| 23 Bible Memory Psalm 23:1-2 This week | 24 Parent Literacy Night 7:00 p.m. (Parents only) | 25 Emmett bday | 26 | 27 Spelling Test week 3 Orange Shirt Day |
| 30 NO SCHOOL National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | | | | |

****We will be celebrating August and September birthdays this month. If the date on the calendar doesn't work to bring a snack for the class, please email me and we can choose a different date.**