

January 29, 2025

Dear Parents,

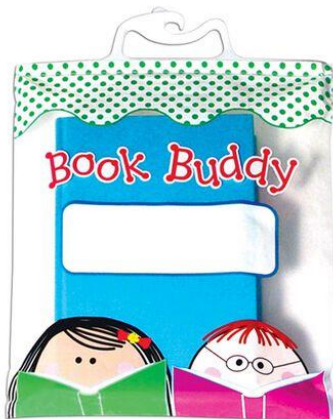
What a great start we have had to 2025! It has been a busy month learning to add and subtract, listening to penguin stories and writing about penguins, learning about movement, our community, and so much more! We are anxiously looking forward to February with Groundhog Day, 100<sup>th</sup> Day and Red/Pink Day and Mrs. Vader's 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday! February just might be the MOST exciting month in Grade 1!



### Recess

Please encourage your child to wear their warm clothes during every recess. This is not a huge issue in Grade one, but often students will ask if they need snow pants, a hat or mittens. We tell them **that if their parents send it to school then they are to wear it!** Also, it is getting quite wet in the playground, so it might be helpful to send an extra pair of mitts as well as a plastic bag to put wet clothing into at the end of the day. Extra socks are especially important!

We also have a lot of mitts/gloves that are not labelled and are getting lost in the hallway. **PLEASE** write a name or initials in these items! It saves a lot of tears (for the teacher and the students ☺).



### Read, read, read!!!

Please keep making home reading a priority with your child. Encourage them to keep a journal as well. The more practice they can get formulating sentences and getting their thoughts down on paper, the better.

I am noticing that some of the Buddy Book Bags are not coming in as much as I would like! **If they've read the books, they can exchange them.** One of the keys to a strong reader is how often they read!!! If you have misplaced the Buddy Book Bag that we provided, a large Ziploc with their name on it will work as well until you find the ones you lost.



### **Red/Pink Day – Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a school wide **"Red and Pink Dress Up Day"**. Even our Principals get into the celebration with red and pink clothing! **We WILL exchange Valentines with our classmates that day.** Below is a list of names of students in our class.

Please note: If your child is handing out Valentine's, it should be for the whole class, not for just a few students. We don't want any hurt feelings on this special day.

**START WRITING THESE OUT SOONER THAN LATER AS IT IS A BIG TASK FOR GRADE ONE STUDENTS! Take advantage of the two days off for Teacher's Convention ☺. Also PLEASE DON'T SEND VALENTINE'S WITHOUT NAMES! Even having a number on it is helpful!**

#### **1A students:**

Emmett	Austin	June	Anthony	Isaiah	Justin	Theo
Alexa	Silas	Grayson	Cleo	Abraham	Anneliese	Dom
Amalia	Isaac	Noah	Harrison	Jules	Sage	Miller
Elise	Hudson	Brooklyn	Brody	Eden	Brayden	

#### **Teachers**

Mrs. Vader	Mr. Fung	Mrs. Wielinga	Mr. Elzinga	Mr. Peters	Mr. Alstad
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## Valentine's Party

Because the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school falls on the same day as Valentine's Day, we won't be able to have an actual party like we did at Christmas! However, if you would like to send some treats in on February 14<sup>th</sup> for the whole class, please email me and indicate what you'd like to send. Once we have a few items I will send an email to let you know that we have enough!



## 100<sup>th</sup> Day

As mentioned above, this year, the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school falls on Valentine's Day! We will be celebrating 100 days for a few days leading up to the actual 100<sup>th</sup> day! (whew it will be a big week).

Please bring in your child's collection of 100 items on **February 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>**. This does not have to be a ton of work; it just needs to be a collection of 100 things. **A letter explaining this project was emailed on Wednesday, Jan 29.**

**REMEMBER TO STUDY YOUR SPELLING WORDS EACH WEEK!!!**  
**As you are studying, get them to practice using the word in a simple sentence!**



## Please . . .

If you are planning to have your child away on vacation, could you please drop me an email or send a note in with your child before you leave. This makes it a lot easier for me as well as the office when it comes to attendance and catch-up work. Thanks so much for your cooperation!

### **Just a Reminder – NO SCHOOL DAYS**

Please check the calendar carefully this month as there are a few days that students don't have school! Enjoy some wonderful family time on those days!

Thursday, Feb 6 and Friday, Feb 7 – Teacher's Convention

Monday, Feb 17 – Family Day

Friday, March 7 – Professional Learning Day for teachers

Your children continue to bless me! They bring a smile to my face with their exuberance for life and their innocent approach to the world we live in!

Enjoying your children,  
Mrs. Vader



## For The Fridge

### Bible Memory – last week of Feb    **Psalm 23: 1-2**

#### Spelling Words

**\*\*These are the same lists that your child will bring home each Monday. PLEASE PRACTICE AT HOME!**

Feb. 3-13 – Week 17 - sound: long vowels    one, by, each, this    **NOTE TEST ON THURSDAY**

Feb 21 – Week 18 – sound: a\_e, i\_e (bossy e)    only, old, very, ball

Feb. 28 – Week 19 – sound: o\_e, u\_e (bossy e)    over, every, jump, just

March 6 – Week 20 – sound: wh    what, when, live, give    **NOTE TEST ON THURSDAY**

### **February**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
<b>No spelling test this week</b> <b>Week 17: long vowels</b> <b>(test on Feb 13)</b>  <b>No Library this week!</b>  <b>Groundhog Day</b> <b>Theo bday</b>		<b>Early Dismissal</b> <b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>No school due to Teacher's Convention</b>	<b>No school due to Teacher's Convention</b>
10	11	12	13	14
<b>(Spelling week 17 cont'd)</b>	<b>Remember your 100 collection today or tomorrow!</b>  <b>Helper: Cawthorpe</b>	<b>Chip Day</b>	<b>Spelling Test Library</b>  <b>Helper: Zeller</b>	<b>100 DAY!</b>  <b>Red/Pink Dress Up Day/Valentine's Day</b>  <b>Hot lunch</b>  <b>Helpers: Allard, McCaughey, McCoy, Ehrenholz, Lee</b>
17	18	19	20	21
<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Family Day</b>	<b>Spelling: Week 18</b> <b>a_e, i_e (bossy e)</b>  <b>Helper: Onofrechuk</b>		<b>Library</b> <b>(Big Buddies are coming on Friday)</b>	<b>Spelling Test</b>  <b>Jump Rope for Heart</b>  <b>Basically Babies Collection</b>
24	25	26	27	28
<b>Bible Memory</b> <b>Psalm 23:1-2</b> <b>(Sometime this week)</b>		<b>Chip Day</b>	<b>Helper: Fair</b>	<b>Spelling test Library</b>

**If you are listed as parent helper and the assigned day doesn't work, just email me and we can choose another day! Come in the am 8:45-11:30 or the pm 12:15-3:15.**

