

March 31, 2025

Dear Parents,

Well, we're now finished Spring Break and are well into the final months of Grade 1 and I am excited about what the Spring holds for all of us in 1A.

Just like the Spring season brings new life in nature, so will Spring bring some new and exciting adventures in our classroom. I'm praying that you all find ways to be in community with other people. I encourage you to be purposeful about gathering your children (and yourselves) with other people to stimulate socialization. This is SUCH an important part of development ... for all of us ☺. Our Bible memory this past month included "He refreshes my soul." I pray that your souls will be refreshed in this new season.

Here are a few "Springy" reminders:

- Please send rubber boots and rain pants with your child as the snow melts and they are playing on a very muddy, wet playground. It might be wise to leave a spare pair of socks and pants in a plastic bag in their backpack in case they slip or fall and get soaked. The office does have a limited supply, but on particularly wet days this supply is used up very quickly.
- JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE RUBBER BOOTS DOES NOT MEAN YOU CAN GO IN THE PUDDLES!!! (Do I sound like I'm yelling? Haha)
- Remind your child to wear their hoodie/jacket outside even if it seems warm. They can always tie it around their waist if they become too hot.
- Because this is Alberta, the weather can change in a matter of minutes! Please make sure they always have warm enough clothes.
- Mr. Elzinga will ask the students to stay out of the puddles, but I would appreciate a reminder to your children as they leave for school each day. Sometimes those puddles are just TOO tempting! Do I sound repetitive?

Teamwork makes the dream work!

I enjoyed meeting with most of you at Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you for continuing to support me as I work to help your child have a successful year in Grade One. You truly are a wonderful group of parents, and your support has been so encouraging. I am brought to tears when I think of how amazing this community of SCE is, and that is in large part because of you, the parents!



Parent Helpers

If you want to volunteer in the classroom, please let me know and I will schedule you for a time. The list I use to schedule parents came from Meet the Teacher Night in September, so if you haven't been scheduled, it's because I don't have you on my list! ☺

Language Arts

One of the most amazing joys that come from teaching Grade 1 is the opportunity to watch the students grow in their reading and writing. Throughout April we will continue to concentrate on writing sentences that make sense and even begin to develop those sentences into stories and other writing projects. We will continue to work on phonics, sentence structure and punctuation.

Read, read, read!!!

A few parents expressed concern that they have been reading but keep forgetting to fill out the Home Reading sheets. Please send a note if you need another sheet, and then send in whatever sheets you have completed so that your child can get the rewards for each Club level. Sadly, I can't hand out rewards without the Club Reading sheets being filled out by parents. ☺

****If you have read this newsletter, please send a note with your child that has the secret word on it: Zippety-doo-da, with your signature and their name by Tuesday, April 8th and your child will receive a little prize!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Serving with joy,
Mrs. Vader

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FOR THE FRIDGE

Bible Memory – Psalm 23:5-6

Spelling

Friday April 4 – Week 22 sound: ea – who, which, liked, never

Friday April 11 – Week 23 sound: igh – any, many, their, girl

Thursday April 17 – Week 24 sound: y @ end (says i) – more, before, out, also

Friday, April 25 – Week 25 sound: ow – other, were, under, away

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 SPELLING WEEK 22 Sound: ea	1	2 Early dismissal 2:15 p.m Helper: Mercier	3	4 Spelling test Library Helper: Cuthbertson
7 SPELLING WEEK 23 Sound: igh	8	9 Chip day \$1.00 Helper: McGrath	10	11 Spelling test Library
14 SPELLING WEEK 24 Sound: y @ end	15	16 Helper: McCoy	17 Spelling test Library	18 Good Friday No school
21 SPELLING WEEK 25 Sound: ow	22	23 Chip day \$1.00 Helper: Cawthorpe	24	25 Spelling test Library Hot lunch Helper: Lee Noah bday
28 SPELLING WEEK 26 Sound: ew	29	30 Helper: Fair	May 1 Spelling test Library	May 2 No School PD Day

If you are scheduled as the parent helper and are unable to make it on your assigned day, please let me know and we can reschedule.

If you come in the morning: 8:45-11:30.

If you come in the afternoon: 12:15-3:15.