

April 29, 2025

Dear Parents,

After today, your child has less than 40 days left in Grade 1 ... if I counted correctly! Wow! This has been an interesting school year, that's for sure!

**Playground reminders:**

- Always send a coat with your child. This Alberta weather seems to go from sunny and warm to snowing in between recesses!
- Please encourage your child to refrain from rough play such as tackling, pushing and wrestling. Even if all parties involved seem to be enjoying the activity, there is too much potential for injury.
- **Please send a bottle of water to keep our kids hydrated every day. The classroom can get very hot in the afternoon.**

**Special Events**

**This month we have a few special events:**

1. **On Tuesday May 6** I am still looking for some dads who can come and volunteer for the afternoon. They **will be helping the students prepare a special gift for Mother's Day.**
2. **On Friday, May 9** we are going to Broadmoor Lake Park for our Arbor Day field trip in the afternoon.
3. **On Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>,** we are going on a field trip to the Edmonton Valley Zoo.

**Reading**

Please continue to read at home each evening. We are seeing a wonderful growth in many of the students as they continue to emerge as confident readers.

**The goal is to be reading Level I books with ease by the end of June.**

There is a thing called "The Summer Slide". Typically, students who don't read as much over the summer break can drop at least one entire level of reading, and sometimes more! It is really important to include reading in your daily activities, even amongst soccer and baseball and beautiful weather! I will send more info in June!



## **Library**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT 3 OF OUR LIBRARY TIMES ARE ON THURSDAY THIS MONTH!!!**

## **Math**

In Math we will soon be beginning a unit on Geometry. We are almost finished measurement. The students have learned comparing words like big, bigger, and biggest. We have been finding many things in our classroom to measure!

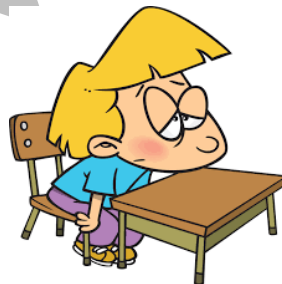
## **Spelling**

We only have a few more spelling tests left this year! Keep working on those important words because they are the foundation that the kids need for grade two!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT 1 SPELLING TEST IS ON THURSDAY THIS MONTH!**

## **SPRINGTIME = TIRED TIME**

As it gets lighter and outdoor activities keep us all out later, please try your best to keep your child well rested for their week of learning. We are already noticing some weary little bodies in front of us!



I am really enjoying my time with your children, and I trust that they are too. Please continue to let me know if there are any issues that warrant my extra attention. Our secret code word is: **"The Lord is my Shepherd"**. Please send this phrase in on a piece of paper with your child's name and your signature by the end of the day on **Wednesday, May 8th** and your child will be rewarded!

Thanks for reading the newsletter!

### **Volunteers**

**One last thing ... I will be depending on many parent volunteers in the last couple of months of the school year! We are starting to prepare supplies for next year's class, and the parents from last year did a ton of work for your kids! I would be so grateful if you're able to give back in this way!**

**If you really want to secure a specific volunteer date, please let me know!**

### **Lastly ...**

I know I have shared with many of you that this has been an especially challenging year. I want you to know that your kids have shown tremendous growth since Spring break, and I am so proud of the choices that many of them are making. They are growing in self-control, obedience, respecting each other and the authorities who lead them, and showing kindness to each other. Thank you so much for however you are supporting them (and me) at home! Please keep lifting our class up to Jesus in prayer as we finish out the year.

Serving with joy,

Mrs. J. Vader

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## For The Fridge

**Bible Memory** Psalm 23:1-6 – they should be able to say the whole thing! ☺

### Spelling

**Week 26 - Thurs May 1 – Sound: ew – because, how, with, want**

**Week 27 – Fri May 9 – Sound: ou (ouch) – saw, put, our, his**

**Week 28 – Fri May 16 - Sound: ow (oh)– going, drink, right, mapped**

**Week 29 – Thur May 29 - Sound: oi/oy – could, should, would, again**

### May

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| April 28<br><b>Spelling<br/>week 26</b>                  | April 29  | April 30  | 1<br><b>Library</b><br><b>Spelling test</b><br><b>Isaiah bday</b> | 2<br><b>PD day No school</b>   |
| 5<br><b>Spelling<br/>week 27</b><br><br><b>Cleo bday</b> | 6<br><b>Mother's Day<br/>project with<br/>dad helping!</b><br><br><b>Helper: Dytiuk</b><br><b>Hudson bday</b> | 7<br><b>Early<br/>dismissal 2:15<br/>p.m.</b><br><br><b>Hats on for<br/>Mental<br/>Health</b> | 8<br><b>Library</b><br><br><b>Helper:<br/>Molnar</b>              | 9<br><b>Spelling test</b><br><br><b>Arbor Day field<br/>trip afternoon</b>   |
| 12<br><b>Spelling<br/>week 28</b>                        | 13<br><br><b>Volunteer<br/>Appreciation</b>   | 14<br><b>Chip Day</b>   | 15  | 16<br><b>Spelling test</b><br><b>Library</b><br><b>Watoto Children's Choir</b><br><b>Chapel</b><br><b>9:15 am</b><br><b>Helper: Allard</b> |
| 19<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>                                   | 20<br><b>Spelling<br/>week 29<br/>LAST ONE!</b>   | 21  | 22<br><br><b>Helper:<br/>Isaak</b>                                | 23<br><b>Last Spelling Test</b><br><b>Hot Lunch</b><br><b>Library</b><br><b>Helper: Ehrenholz</b>  |
| 26<br><b>Bible Memory<br/>this week</b>                  | 27<br><br><b>Helper:<br/>Cloutier</b>   | 28<br><b>Chip Day</b>   | 29<br><b>Library</b><br><br><b>Helper:<br/>Zeller</b>             | 30<br><b>Edmonton Valley<br/>Zoo Field trip</b>  |

**AM volunteering (8:45-11:30) PM volunteering (12:15-3:15)**

**If you cannot make your assigned volunteer day, please email to reschedule!**