

May 29, 2025

Dear Parents,

The sun is shining, the grass is getting greener and we are almost done Grade one! Can you believe it? God has been so very gracious throughout this challenging year, and I am **SO** thankful to Him and all of you for making this a wonderful year. May has been an exciting month and we have grown closer as a class with all of the exciting things that have been happening. I know I will miss these students very much when they move up to Grade 2!

Language Arts

As of Friday, May 23, we will have officially finished our Spelling Tests for the year. Thanks for your faithfulness in checking these tests each week.

There is a very real thing called “**The Summer Slide**”. Typically, over the Summer break, students drop at least one reading level from when they left Grade one ... sometimes even two levels! **PLEASE MAKE A PLAN** to keep your child reading through July and August. Some information will come home in June to help keep them reading and writing! The County Library usually has some fun challenges as well.

Reading

Students can keep taking Buddy Books home until **Friday, June 13th**. We will collect all the books back during the next week. Thank you for reading with your child! **PLEASE** plan to access the Strathcona County Library through the Summer months. Hopefully you will find time to pick up your Grade one Super Reader package.

Playground reminders:

- **Always** send a coat with your child. This Alberta weather seems to go from sunny and warm to snowing in between recesses!

It's the Mom's Turn

- On Wednesday, June 11 I need a few moms who can come for the afternoon to help the kids make their Father's Day gift. **Please email me** if you can help from noon to about 2:30.



- Please send a **bottle of water** to keep our kids hydrated, but make sure they do not have multiple bottles at school as they clutter their desk and become distractions.
- **Last Weeks of School** – please be aware that we will be sending many things home this month but particularly during the final weeks of school. **It would be very helpful if you were extremely diligent in checking your child's backpack each night** if that is not already part of your daily routine. Thanks for your help on this.

Special Events in June

As we wind down the year, we have a number of special events taking place in our classroom. Please pay extra attention to your “For the Fridge” calendar as it will be your “lifeline” over the coming weeks.

- **Field trips** – We have 1 field trip in June.
 - On **Thursday, June 19th** we will be going to Elk Island National Park – Astotin Lake for the day. I will be looking for 6 parent helpers to join us for this trip.

Unfortunately, if you are coming as a parent helper, we cannot have younger siblings come with you ... BUT ...

****If you have younger children at home, you are welcome to join us at Elk Island for the day and bring your family. You will be required to pay your own admission to the National Park. Please email me if you have any questions.**

- **Track and Field day** – **Friday, June 6th**. This takes place at the school all day. Mr. Alstad is coordinating volunteers.
- **Teddy Bear Day** – Teddy Bear Day will be on **Wednesday, June 18th**. During that day, we will do several different activities with our special bears.
NOTE: It should be a Teddy Bear that can fit on their desk.
- **Library**
The last day to check out books is **Thursday, June 5th**.
All books must be returned by **Friday, June 13th**.

- **Lunch on the Land**
On **Friday, June 20th**, our staff, students and families will be sharing a time called “Lunch on the Land” from 11:30 – 11:55 am in honour of National Indigenous People’s Day on June 21st.

On this day, we invite parents, grandparents, siblings and anyone who wants to come, to join us as we eat our lunches outside and enjoy the beautiful nature that our God has blessed us with. Please send a normal lunch or bring a delicious picnic style lunch and join with your kids for this special event. Though there will be designated grade areas, if a family has kids in different grades, you are welcome to gather and eat together in your own space. You may also want to invite a child who doesn’t have family attending to join your family!

The one thing we ask is that students are not playing on equipment during the eating time. The bell will indicate the end of eating time and students will be free to play during the recess portion of our lunch time.

We are looking forward to sharing in this special time as a school community.

- **Last Day of Classes** – **Wednesday, June 25th** is our final day of classes! If your child will not be here that day, the report card will be online at the end of the day and you can access it from wherever you are. **If your child will not be here, PLEASE let me know at least a few days in advance so that I can send home all the final items to end off the year! We have a lot of ‘stuff’ in Grade one! ☺**



Summer Birthdays – if I have missed scheduling your child’s summer birthday in, please let me know and we will make sure to find a day to celebrate! (We did all the August birthdays back in September)

If I haven’t said it already, I **really** appreciate all that you have done throughout this year! It has been so incredible to have parents and grandparents in the building! You are an absolute treasure!



If you would like to be a parent helper one last time, I can **ALWAYS** use extra help as I finish up this year and prepare for next year. Please email me if your name is not on the calendar but you would like to come and help.



Please be in prayer for all of us as we enjoy our final days in Grade one together.

Serving with joy,

Mrs. Vader

P.S. – There is no “secret word” this month! Your child’s reward (for you reading the newsletter) is that you won’t miss any important dates this month! And your reward ... is being on top of all the exciting things we will have going on in our class this month ;)

For the Fridge

FINAL Bible Memory -- John 3:16 and Psalm 23:1-6

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Helper: McCoy		Early dismissal 2:15 p.m.	Last day to check out Library books Elise bday	Track and Field Day 
9	10	11	12	13
Last Bible Memory	Helper: McWilliam	Moms help with special project Last Chip Day	Helpers: Allard, Fair	All Library books must be returned! Last day to take Buddy Books. Helpers: Lee & Cloutier Last Hot lunch
16	17	18	19	20
Last Big Buddies Helper: McCaughey	Helper: Alexander	Teddy Bear Day 	Field Trip Elk Island National Park	Lunch on the Land Helper: Chaput and Cuthbertson
23	24	25	26	27
Abraham bday (July)	Year End Chapel 9:15 am Year-end Assembly 10:30 am June bday	LAST DAY OF CLASSES 	Go do something fun!	Start a fun Summer reading program!

Reminder: If your name is NOT on the calendar but you would like to help in June, PLEASE email me! Also, if the day I've given you doesn't work, please email me with a day that will work! I'm flexible ☺.

