



Grade 1 Newsletter

Wishing all the families a Happy New Year.

Welcome back! What a fantastic holiday. We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday. It is very important that students remain focused at school. We have many things to learn and need each child to come to school prepared. Please have your child in bed **no later than 9 pm** and at school **before 7:25 am** each day. We appreciate your assistance in these matters.

Tests

January 14th: Math Chapters 5 & 6 (Addition Facts)

January 21st: Science Unif B – Animals (Mammals and other Animal Groups)

January 27th: English Reading Test (students will be given sentences to describe a picture and they will pick the best word to complete each sentence)

REVIEW SHEETS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH TEST

What's going on!

We are continuing to review and introduce the initial blends and final consonant blends. We will continue the 5 vowel sounds both short and long and are encouraging students to fill in missing letters to make words.

Students still need to work on the following:

- Sounding out letters to form words
- Forming a sentence correctly (capital letter to begin with, correct spacing, keeping letters together to form words, using a period or full stop.)
- Reading many words learned so far including the words in their stories and spelling.

Journals

Students will begin to independently write sentences about specific topics. We recommend that the students practice writing short sentences at home using the many words they have learned since the beginning of the year.

Reading

Supplementary readers go home each week to go along with the lessons taught in class. Each child is asked to read daily from a variety of stories done in class. Reading helps to promote **language skills, word recognition and English language fluency.**



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Math

Students will continue addition and subtraction. Make sure to explore the many ways of encouraging your child to learn their basic Math facts (using number line, counting with fingers or putting bigger number in their head and smaller number on their fingers). Students will continue to explore addition and subtraction facts using many strategies.

*Try creating flash cards or play counting games. Math facts should be practiced daily!!

Spelling Words

Your child's teacher will send home the spelling words each week. Please have your child print those words and practice for their spelling test. It is important that your child does **not memorize** their words but learn how to sound them out and read the words.

*For extra practice have your child write their words on flashcards and play a reading game.

Science

Students will continue learning about animals. Students should be able to classify the animals into different groups based on the animal's traits.

Examples:

- **Mammals- have fur and are born alive**
- **Reptiles- have scales or shells and are hatched from eggs**
- **Insects- have 6 legs and 3 body parts**
- **Amphibians- live on land or in the water and have damp skin**
- **Fish- have gills and live in water**

P.E. or Swimming Days

Students must label all their school clothes!

Students must have a swimming cap.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Grade 1 Teachers: _____

Principal: _____



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