

February 2020 Newsletter
Grade 1S



Dear Parents,

It is so hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2019. The students in 1S have worked so hard in January, and the time has just flown by. February is a short, but busy month. Lots of work with some play added in as well!!

Language Arts

Reading: Our home reading program is going well and the children are continuing to grow in their oral reading fluency! **Please continue to read daily with your child.** It is important to try and read with your child every day to help with their reading. Thank you!

DOLCH sight words: Thank you for continuing to practice these words at home with your children. Instant recognition of the first two lists really enhances their oral reading fluency. Introduction to the First Grade DOLCH list can be done this month as well. I have included a copy of that list in this newsletter.



Math:

We will be starting our unit on **Subtraction to 12** units and are continuing to work on our unit called **Numbers to 100**. We will be introducing skip counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. This is a very tricky skill for some students so some extra practice at home with this would be great!! We will also be counting by 1's to 100.

Social Studies:

We are continuing to discover and discuss **Contributing to our Community**. The children are becoming quite adept at recognizing how important their own contributions make when they cooperate!

Science: In February, we will continue the study of Our Senses. Students are learning what they can do to protect their ears and eyes to keep them working well. Any conversations you can have at home, in the car or wherever to help them use their "science" vocabulary, is very helpful to help their science learning information stick. Ask them how their senses keep them safe or help them learn. Ask how they can protect their sight/eyes and hearing/ears.

Health: Students set goals and have been thinking about what to do to reach those goals. We will read a story from Sean Covey's book "The Seven Habits of Happy Kids" to help focus on setting goals by keeping the end in mind.

Religion: We will continue to discuss Jesus and His Family. Later in the month we will begin learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Scholastic Book Order:

Attached are the book order forms for the month of February. If you wish to order, please make your cheque payable to **Scholastic Canada Inc.** The due date for these orders will be **Thursday, February 6, 2020.**

Star Of The Week:

Our star of the week program is continuing to go well.

Valentine's Day:

We will be exchanging Valentine's with each other in our class on Friday, February 14th. Please ensure that your child sends a Valentine for each student in the class so that some children do not feel left out. It is easiest in Grade 1 to only put who the Valentine is from not who it is for. That way they can easily hand out their Valentine's to their classmates. (I have included a class list for those who would like to address their Valentines.) Also, on Valentine's day the Grade One's will be delivering Valentines to members of our community. We will be going on a walk as a class to deliver them on a nearby street. We will be making them in class.



100 Day Party:

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school with a 100 Day Party in the afternoon on **Thursday, February 13.** We will be going skating at the rink next to our school with the other grade one classes at approximately 12:30 p.m and will skate together until 2:00 p.m. If your child does not skate they will be playing at the park next to the skating rink with supervision. We will conclude the day with a song together in the atrium and then we will enjoy some "100 Day" cupcakes. Our classroom rep will be calling parents about the 100 Day Themed cupcakes for that day as well as some juice boxes. Thank you in advance to the parents who will provide our treats!! **Please**

remember that we have students in our school that have severe peanut allergies!!! We always need lots of help to tie skates, so if you would like to volunteer to help with this. All are welcome to enjoy the party!

All of the Grade One classes will be going to the play, "Annie Warbucks" at the Memorial Center, put on by Notre Dame High school. We are going on Thursday, February 6. We will be leaving the school at 11:15 and returning at 2:30.

Important Dates for February

February 6 - Grade One's are going to the Notre Dame play "Annie Warbucks" at the Memorial Center leaving the school at 11:15 and getting back at 2:30

*February 13 - 100 Day Party in the afternoon
- 100 Day Party skating @ 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.*

*February 14 - Wear red and white
- Valentine's Exchange
- delivering Valentines to our community as a class.*

February 17-21 No School

February 25 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake and Sausage Lunch for all students provided by Parent Council.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Celebration

Have a great February. Thank you in advance for all the help this month with our events!! 1S parents and kids are TERRIFIC!!

Sincerely,

Aarone Schlag

Pat Perich



Class List for Valentines (If your child would like to put who they are to)

Hudson
Sawyer
Keanne
Blake
Hilarie
Caitlin
Desiree
Levi
Aubrey
Kim
Everett
Annika
Kamryn
Mia
Julianna
Lincoln
Braden
Airvyn
Jaxson
Aela