

March Newsletter

Grade 1L

2020

Dear Parents,

We are about to "**March**" into another exciting month in our classroom. With Lent, St. Patrick's Day and Spring (we hope), we will have a very busy month in our classroom.

I would like to thank all of the parents that helped make our 100 Day activities in February a huge success. A special "**Thanks**" to the parents for helping to set up the net with 100 balloons in it. It made for a very exciting way to end the day. "**Thank You**" for the beautifully decorated and delicious 100 Day cupcakes that we enjoyed at the end of the day and for the juice as well. Also, "**Thank You**" to all the parents that tied skates and helped take off skates. We couldn't have done all of this without your help.

Terrific work and thanks again for all of your support!

Our themes for this month include:

- Lent
- St. Patrick's Day
- Spring

1. DOLCH Words

I am checking in with the children for sight word recognition on DOLCH Word List 1 (Pre-Primer) and DOLCH Word List 2 (Primer) during the month of March. **The children should be able to instantly recognize all the words on the Pre-Primer and Primer lists by the end of March. Please continue to work on these to build speed in word recognition. If your child does not know all of them, please spend extra time so that they are confident with them.**

2. Scholastic Book Order

I am sending a copy of the March book orders. If you wish to place an order, please return by **Friday, March 6th**. Please make cheques payable to **Scholastic Canada Ltd** or you can order online.

3. Math

We are almost finished our math unit on **Numbers to 100** and then we will begin a unit on **Subtraction**. We will continue to review addition through games and written practice.

We have been spending lots of time during Math class counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Please practice counting by 2's to 20 with your child each night in order for them to be able to do this independently. If they can go higher than 20, that is great. They can also practice counting by 5's and 10's to 100. Some of the students are finding counting by 2's and 5's quite challenging and would benefit from daily practice at home. I will be checking in with the children for each of these in the next two weeks.

4. Religion

Lent is a time for changing our hearts in preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. Our class is working really hard to "Change Our Hearts" during Lent by following Jesus' footsteps and focusing on doing things that Jesus would like to see us do (i.e.-being kind to others, sharing, helping others, etc.). It is a time when we pay particular

attention to the needs of others and open our hearts to them. With our eyes on Jesus, we also try to spend more time at prayer, more time talking to God and listening to God. We will spend time each Friday morning listening to God in our hearts through song, a reflection and then a minute of quiet prayer. We also try to grow stronger by learning to say no to our sins and failings and by sometimes even saying no to the things we enjoy. I am hoping that you have posted the Lenten calendar that was sent home and use it daily throughout Lent. We will be collecting a specific food item each week for the Food Bank and this is all listed on the calendar. **May God bless you and your family as you journey together through Lent.**

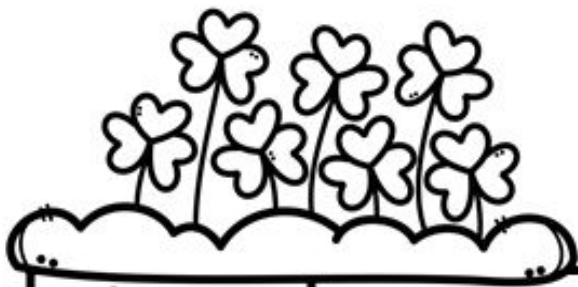
5. Easter Baskets

We will be making Easter Baskets on **Tuesday, April 7th from 12:30 - 3:00 pm**. The students will each need a 2 litre Pepsi bottle (**must be a clear plastic bottle that is a Pepsi bottle or the shape of a Pepsi bottle- no green bottles please**) for this project. Please make sure that they have been rinsed out and that the label has been taken off before they are sent to school. It would be great if all of the bottles were at school by **Thursday, March 19th** so that they can be cut and ready for when we make the baskets. **If you would like to help cut the pop bottles for our baskets or you would like to come and help make the baskets, please let me know.**










I thank you once again for taking the time to read our monthly newsletter and helping with our classroom projects.

Sincerely,

Miss Denise Larre
(Grade 1L Teacher)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Hot Lunch- Dominos Pizza 2	Library 3	4	Spirit Day: Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day for World Book Day 5	Scholastic Book Order Deadline 6	 7	
 8 Hot Lunch- Subway 9	Library 10	Face2Face Ministries at HFS all day 11	12	13	 14	
 15 Hot Lunch- Opa 16	Library 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green	Student Led 18 Conferences- 4:00 - 7:00 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences- 3:00 - 6:00 pm (if requested) 19 STARS Kindness- 12:30 - 3:00 pm	Teacher Lieu Day- No School 20	 21	
 22	23	24	25	26	27	 28
-----Spring Break- No School-----						
 29 Hot Lunch-30 Booster Juice	Library 31	Notes: -Please refer to the Lent Calendar that was sent home for Lenten activities and opportunities to give during the month of March. -Please bring a 2 litre clear plastic bottle that is a Pepsi bottle or the same shape as a Pepsi bottle by March 19th				