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What's New?

A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations of paper towels, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and incentives. We have a good supply of items to support us throughout the next few weeks, but would appreciate more paper towels in order to enable us to clean up spills and wash hands in the classroom rather than in the washroom located a good distance from our class.

To those of you who have volunteered to assist in our classroom, I am excited to have you work with us soon. Now that our classes are finally settling into our routines, I will soon contact you to invite you into our classroom. Please look for volunteer information in the near future.

A learning community:

Throughout the month of September, our class focussed on getting to know one another. Together we are building a community by learning and respecting rules in order to create a positive and caring environment for working cooperatively in group and individual situations.

Here are some important rules:

- *listen attentively
- *wait for your turn to speak
- *listen to others who are speaking
- *respect others and their learning environment
- *use an indoor voice within the classroom and whisper while you work
- *respect the property of others
- *participate actively and do your best

Forsythe Farm Excursion:

On **Friday October 19th**, the grade one student community will visit Forsythe Farm to explore agricultural practices and farm animals while learning about seasonal changes, the needs of plants and animals, and autumn harvest activities. A permission form and information about this trip is enclosed. Forms and excursion fees are due **Wed. Oct. 10th, 2018**.

Reminders:



Students are encouraged to bring healthy, litter-reduced snacks and lunches. Providing nutritious foods promotes attentiveness and positive learning behaviours. By sending foods in re-usable containers, you not only enable your child to monitor his/her consumption, but you also reduce waste and support our school's Eco-friendly initiative. In addition to providing nutritious foods, providing students with regular access to water helps promote concentration and alertness. While there are water fountains located throughout the school, students are strongly encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to enable them to quickly hydrate in the classroom during instructional time.

In Each Subject:

Language:

In language we are exploring new thematic vocabulary each week. In October we will introduce words related to Autumn, Harvest (fruits and vegetables), the calendar, clothing, and parts of the body.

To aid the children in learning new vocabulary, we use a variety of strategies including motivational games, sight recognition, oral repetition, and pattern books. As often as possible, encourage your child to share their new vocabulary by identifying things in your home and during shared activities. The more your child practises speaking in French, the more quickly he/she will develop fluency. Be proud of their achievements and encourage them to try by teaching you what they know and by modelling

enthusiasm and risk taking to repeat and use vocabulary too!

We are excited to begin our Home Reading program with levelled readers. Information about the Home Reading program will soon be distributed in a new Home Reading duotang along with a new reader to practise. In addition to regularly reading with your child, please continue to review vocabulary using the vocabulary duotang and the handmade booklets that students are creating. Support for Home Reading resources can be found on our classroom website (A-Z readers) or on our online reading site (Je lis, je lis littérature).

In October we will also begin guided writing in a journal in order to start communicating with printed vocabulary and review appropriate language structures. The journal entries will be modelled to the class during a lesson. Following the lesson, students will copy modelled phrases and fill in blanks with words of their choice based on thematic vocabulary.

Here is an example of a journal entry about classroom objects and colours:

Je m'appelle Mme Witzel. Mon sac d'école est gris. Dans mon sac, il y a un crayon orange, un cahier vert, et une boîte à dîner violette.

Quizzes

Vocabulary instruction and acquisition is rapid during the first term as we work hard to develop a foundation of French language while also exploring the same curriculum expectations of all student instructed in both the French and English grade 1 streams. In October, we will continue to review counting and recognizing numbers out of sequence in addition to increasing our French language by exploring a wealth of thematic vocabulary. Quizzes to assess the successful attainment of subject concepts and vocabulary are indicated on the monthly calendar. When the Quiz Book is sent home to share progress with you, please initial the quizzes and return the Quiz Book promptly. You are then encouraged to use the vocabulary duotang to review any material that may not yet be solidly attained.

Mathematics:

In October, we will continue to review counting and recognizing numbers out of sequence. We will also explore 2D shapes and their attributes. Following our study of geometric shapes, we will begin working on patterning using 2D forms and other figures. Students will learn to identify, repeat, extend, and create patterns.

As the month comes to a close, students will begin to explore classification and object attributes. They will create groups and determine the classification rules. Students will also compare collections of objects to determine which has more or less.

Science:

In October, students will discuss the basic needs of living things (people, animals, and plants). They will also explore the ways in which living things move and use their senses in order to meet their needs.

In connection with our science unit for this term, we will extend classroom learning to a fun excursion experience by visiting a local farm. Farming is one of the primary sources of food industry and is therefore of high importance in supplying for one of the basic human needs.

Halloween Celebration:



Halloween is a special occasion for many students. On **Wednesday, October 31st**, we will celebrate Halloween in our class with a special celebration and activities. Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes or dress in Black and Orange if they wish. However, please note that masks and weapons are not permitted and students are strongly encouraged to leave any costume accessories at home. Due to various allergies within our school, we ask that families do not send food items to share with other students on this day. Stayed tuned for more information about our Halloween Celebration.

