

November 7, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today I am sending home some sample pieces in Writing and Math. Please return this folder **and its contents** to the school by Friday, November 10. If you have any questions about any of these items, please do not hesitate to call me at the school.

Thank you,

### *Monster Writing*

There are many steps to any published writing task. For this task we read, watched and discussed two stories: I Need My Monster and Hey, That's My Monster. We listed "monster words" together on chart paper. I modelled a sample story and finally students wrote their own stories. Each student was asked to read his/her story aloud. Students in Grade 2 were given the additional task of completing a self-evaluation checklist. While their responses to their own writing may not always be accurate, the checklist is a good starting point for students to begin to follow the revising and editing process. The highlighted items on my checklist show areas in each student's writing that need to be developed.

### *Sorting and Patterning*

1. Classmate name sort – Grade 1s were expected to sort the names into two groups - Grade 2s were expected to sort the names with an overlapping attribute
2. Grade 1 - Naming and Extending Patterns –labeling and extending patterns
3. Grade 1 - Cube Patterns - students were given the pattern core. Their task was to colour the cubes according to the pattern.
4. Grade 2 - Name Patterns –students completed these name grids and searched for patterns
5. Grade 2 - Patterning and Sorting Challenge - completed independently. You will see my comments as I helped some students correct their work

### *Estimate and Count*

This chart shows the result of a partner task. Students had to estimate how many counters were in a cup. Then they counted the counters. They printed the total number of counters and were asked to identify how they counted (by 1s, 2s, or 5s)

### *Hundred Chart Counting and Patterns*

Students followed the instructions to complete this multi-level task – recognizing number patterns, identifying numbers, and printing numbers accurately.

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