

Mrs. Cardo  
Grade One/Two  
October 2, 2017



It was a pleasure to meet many of you at the Open House last week. If you were unable to make it, but would like to visit our classroom before November interviews, please write me a note in the agenda and we can arrange a time to drop in.

We have spent the first month of school establishing routines, setting expectations and developing community. Our day has been filled with Language, Math, Religion and Art. Students have Gym on B days and French on A days. Social Studies will be introduced in the next few weeks.

We are now ready to begin our reading program. Yeah! The courier bags will be used to transport readers and reading logs to and from school. Please do not place the agenda in this bag. Students have been placed in reading groups. I will do my best to meet with each reading group once a week. Students will practice reading strategies with me and then take readers home to practice these strategies. It is very important that students bring their reading bag to school each day. They need to read and re-read the same text until they are fluent with that text. Please do not direct your child to the level on the back of the text. My goal is to have all students love to read. Your son/daughter should be able to read the texts I send home with minimal support. Please let me know if they are struggling with texts sent home. Students in Grade One also have a word ring in their reading bags. Please see the instructions on the word ring for these words.

In math, we have been working with numbers below 30. (this is review for students in Grade 2) We have also been studying sorting and patterning. Can your child count by 2s, 5s, and 10s? This is an easy skill to practice at home. ☺ By the end of Grade 1, students need to count by 2s, 5s and 10s to 100. Students in Grade 2 need to count by 2s, 5s, 10s and 25s to 200.

The Religion program is called Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ. The first unit in the program focuses on belonging. Students are learning about family and how we all belong to God's family.

I would like to try to establish a listening centre in our classroom. Could you please send in a pair of earbuds or headphones (available at the dollar store)? Please make sure they are in a labeled Ziploc baggie. We will store them at school.

Important Dates:

October 2 - Chocolate Fundraiser begins

October 9 - Thanksgiving

October 27 - To Be Determined Theatre performs at the school

October 31 - Hallowe'en