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**October Edition**

Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe that September has already come and gone. The children have had a great first month in Grade 1. We have really enjoyed getting to know them, and it has been wonderful to see how well they have settled into their new class.

**Welcome BBQ**

It was a pleasure to meet everyone who was able to attend the Sturgeon Height’s Welcome Barbeque night. Thank you for coming!

**Sturgeon Heights County Fair**

Sturgeon Heights School is having our annual County Fair in support of muscular dystrophy. There will be fire trucks, crafts, games, hot dogs and prizes. The event will take place on **October 17th and 18th from 5:30-8:30pm.** The cost of admission is $10 per family. All the proceeds raised from this event will go towards muscular dystrophy.

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The primary grades will be having a costume parade in the morning on October 31st! After our costume parade, we will be heading to Prairie Gardens at 10:30am. Please read on for more information about our Prairie Gardens field trip.

**FIELD TRIPS**

**Prairie Gardens**

On Monday, October 31st, we will be heading to Prairie Gardens at 10:30am until end of the day dismissal. Buses will depart from the school at 10:30am. We will arrive at Prairie Gardens at approximately 11:00am. **Your child will need a disposable lunch for this field trip.** Students are asked to wear their costume this day, but to also remember to dress for the weather as this is an outside field trip. We encourage costume accessories to be left at home because we don't want them to get lost when we are on the field trip. We will require 4 volunteers for each grade 1 class for Prairie Gardens. **Please let us know if you are able to volunteer by writing in your child’s agenda or emailing your child’s classroom teacher before Thursday, October 13th**. Volunteers will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. **Please remember that all volunteers require a criminal record check.**

**Hand on Science**

Hands on Science will be visiting the grade 1 classrooms on October 25th. They will be coming to Mrs. Denomme’s class in the morning, and Ms. DeLuca’s and Mrs. Orr’s class in the afternoon. Through 5 different centres, the students will learn about the 5 senses. In order for this in-class field trip to run successfully, we do require 5 parent volunteers from each class. **If you are available to volunteer, please let us know by writing in your child’s agenda or emailing your child’s classroom teacher before October 13th**. **We also require that all volunteers have criminal record checks for in-class field trips as well**.

**Field Trip Permission Forms-Please sign and return field trip permission forms by October 13th.**

**Upcoming Learning**

**Curriculum links**

**Science:** The 5 Senses, Seasons

**Social:** Community

**Math:** Patterns, Numbers

**Language:** Letters, sights words, making connections to texts, making predictions about texts, literacy Stations (Writing, Reading)

**Art:** Line, Shapes

This month the students will be learning many new and exciting things. Please work with your child at home and encourage their learning in the following areas:

![MCBS00559A0000[1]]()**LANGUAGE**

Please encourage your child to read daily. When they come to words that they do not know you can help by reminding them to use some of the following reading strategies: sounding out, breaking up the words, looking at the pictures, reading around the word to see what could make sense, and look and listen for letter patterns found in words.

![MCj04123980000[1]]()**LIBRARY**

Every **Thursday 1D** will be visiting the school library and will be able to take a book home to read. On **Fridays 1DL** will be visiting the library. Please take the time to read and discuss the story with your child. You can ask your child questions such as, What was your favourite part? Who were the characters? If you could change the ending what would you do? What happened in the beginning, middle and end? Your child is responsible for the care of the book that they take home. Please ensure that it is kept in a safe place. Your child must remember to bring the book back to school as he/she will only be able to choose a new book once the previous book has been returned.

**Home Reading**

Our Grade 1 Home Reading Program will be starting on September 30th. The grade 1 student’s reading levels have been assessed. Now that the children are leveled, your child will be selecting books at their appropriate reading level on a daily basis. These books will come home to be read to you. Providing appropriately leveled books for independent reading at home allows your child to develop fluency, as well as an increased level of comprehension and a love of reading. More information will follow in your child’s home reading duotang.

**Spelling Test**

In the grade one classes, we have had 5 focus sight words per week. We have practiced these sight words through games, songs, chants and sensory activities. On October 20th and November 4th, we will have a spelling test to assess knowledge of sight words. Below is the list of sight words that we will be assessing. Please help your child prepare for this test by practicing these words at home. Thank you!

**October 20th November 4th**

1. am 1. it

2. go 2. look

3. is 3. this \*\*Weekly spelling tests will begin in

4. see 4. up November. More information will follow.

5. the 5. We

6. and 6. at

7. can 7. come

8. like 8. in

9. my 9. me

10. to 10. you

**Reminders**

1. If you have not already done so, please send in the family **photos** requested in the September newsletter.
2. Keep up the good work with reading your weekly poems and songs with your child. Remember: Chime In books go home on *Friday*, and return to school on *Monday*, so that we can begin our new poems.
3. Please remember microwavable lunch days are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Grade 1 Website**

Please use the link below to access the grade 1 website. Thank you!

**welcometograde1d.weebly.com**

**Important Dates**

Thanksgiving Assemby-October 7th

Thanksgiving-October 13th

Jersey Day-October 13th

PD Day-October 14th

Spelling Test-October 20th

County Fair-October 17th and 18th from 5:30-8:30pm

Hands on Science (5 Senses)-October 25th

 Mrs. Denomme (am)

 Ms. DeLuca/Mrs. Orr (pm)

Prairie Gardens-October 31st

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please let us know! Have a great October!

Ms. DeLuca, Mrs. Denomme, Mrs. Orr