



# October... In Grade One

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## Birthday Celebrations!

Grade one celebrate birthdays



Happy Birthday in 1U to Serena and Devon who will both celebrate their birthdays on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Belated wishes also go out to Marshall, Ty, Matt and Owen who celebrated their birthdays in September.

## Terry Fox Walk

On Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, our class participated in the Terry Fox Walk! Thank you for supporting this important event with your donations; and a special thank you to the parents who joined us on the walk. It was great having you with us ☺

## Harkin's Treasures

Congrats to Sharon and Annika from 1R and Serena and Vivica from 1U who received the Harkin's Treasure Award for the month of September. Congrats also to the following students who received a perfect attendance award for the month of September: Vivica, Simon, Serena, Jacob, D.J., Gracie, Blake, Quin, Vanson, Ethan, Annika, Owen, Devon, Marissa, and Franky. Keep up the great work!

## In our Classroom....

### Literacy

Last month our class began the Daily Five, which consists of 5 different literacy tasks that have been found to be most effective in increasing literacy skills and enjoyment of reading and writing. Students learned the first task, "Read to Self" and have worked very hard. We are so impressed with how quickly our students increased their reading stamina! They did so well that we were also able to start "Read to Someone" during September! We will continue working on these 2 components of Daily Five during the month of October.

We also began Writer's Workshop last month, starting with a unit called *Launching the Writer's Workshop*. We will continue this unit during the month of October.

### Math

We finished our first unit in mathematics on patterns. We started our second unit on Numbers from 1-20. We will continue with the concepts identified in the parent letter sent home a couple of weeks ago. We have also started to implement weekly Math Centers with our grade one students on Friday afternoons. Fun, fun, fun!!!

### You and Your World

September was a very busy month for You and Your World! We learned about Bus and Playground Safety, practiced Lockdowns and Fire evacuations. We also spent a lot of time learning how to be a friend. This month our focus will be on Personal Safety, Stranger Danger and Healthy Eating Habits. Fire Prevention Week is also this month.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Long weekend for students

We want to wish all of our wonderful students and their families a happy Thanksgiving! This is a special time of year to be thankful for all that we have in our lives, and we are very thankful to have your children in our classes. We adore each and every one of our students and commend you for doing such a great job raising your children. Please take the time over their long weekend to enjoy your children and have some quality family time. Enjoy!!

## Halloween!

On Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having a Halloween Celebration in our classroom! We will be sending more details as the day gets closer. It is okay to send in a treat for our class, but please don't feel like you have to. Please remember we have a student in grade 1 with a severe peanut allergy so please make sure all treats are nut free!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> Fundraiser goes home	<b>2</b> Math Club Cookies Sales .50	<b>3</b> Book orders due
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mad Science	<b>8</b> Interim Reports Go Home	<b>9</b> No School Prof. Learning Day	<b>10</b> No School Prof. Learning Day
<b>13</b> No school Thanksgiving	<b>14</b> Mad Science	<b>15</b> Fundraiser orders and money due	<b>16</b> Picture Retakes	<b>17</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Mad Science	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Mad Science	<b>30</b> Happy Birthday Serena & Devon	<b>31</b> Halloween 	