



# October... In Grade One

Mrs. Underhill

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## Birthday Celebrations!

### Grade one celebrate birthdays



On September 28<sup>th</sup> our class celebrated the birthdays of 3 of our friends with a cake! The cake was delicious and all of our birthday students felt very special ☺ Happy Birthday to Desmond who celebrated his birthday on July 18<sup>th</sup>, Melina on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Michael on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>!

## Terry Fox Walk

On Thursday, Sept. 27<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 Gracie and Desmond 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: Andrew, Declan, Katelynn, Melina, Desmond, Brooke, Kaimen and Michael! 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. I am so impressed with how quickly my students increased their reading stamina! We did so well that I was 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 last weeks. We have started to implement weekly Math Centers with Mrs. Pinder's grade one on Friday afternoons which has been lots of 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.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

### Long weekend for students

I want to wish all of my 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 I am very thankful to have your children in my class. I adore each and every one of my students and commend you for doing such a great job raising your children. I hope everyone takes the time over their long weekend to enjoy your children and have some quality family time. Enjoy!!

## Halloween!

### October 31<sup>st</sup>

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having a Halloween Celebration in our classroom! Students are not permitted to wear costumes to school. It is okay to send in a treat for our class, but please don't feel like you have to. Please remember we are a nut free school!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> October Book order goes home	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Book orders due
<b>8</b> No school Thanks- giving	<b>9</b> No School Prof. Learning Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Interim Reports Go Home	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b> National School Library Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween 		