Grade One Connection

**September Newsletter**

**Welcome!!!**

Welcome to the exciting world of Grade One! I am very excited to be taking this journey with your child. Please take a moment to read through this newsletter to find out about our Grade One procedures, important dates and events that will be taking place in our class this year.

**Mail Call**

I will be sending home a newsletter at the beginning of each month. This will keep you in the loop of what is going on in our classroom. **Please be sure to check and sign your child’s agenda daily. Don’t forget to check for and remove any notes from the front pocket of the agenda as well.** To facilitate the process of writing in our agenda’s, please make sure the provided clip is clipped on to the correct day.

**School Times**

Monday-Thursday 8:05-2:45 Friday 8:05-1:15

**Music/Gym Schedule**

Music – Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Gym – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Important Dates**

September 5th – Labour Day **NO SCHOOL**

September 20th – Parent Council Meeting

September 29th – Terry Fox School Run

**Shoes**

Your child needs to have 2 pairs of shoes for school, an inside pair and an outside pair. Your child’s inside shoes should have non marking soles and be suitable for activities in the gymnasium. Your child’s indoor shoes will remain at school. **Please be sure to make sure that your child’s belongings (backpack, lunch kit, runners etc.) are clearly marked with their name.**

**Snack/Lunch**

To get your child through the school day it is important for them to have a nutritious snack and lunch. We will have a morning snack time. Please send an easy to eat snack to eat during that time. Because it is a new experience for them to have a lunch kit full of items, it is helpful to go over with your child which item is meant for their morning snack and which items are meant for their lunch. Sending your child with a water bottle for snack/lunch is a great option. Not only is water a great healthy choice, but it is easy for your child to refill should they be extra thirsty that day.

**Due to peanut allergies in our class, I am asking you to please NOT send any foods that contain nuts or peanut butter. (This may be a great opportunity for your child to try new foods!) Thank you in advance for your support with this.**

**How’s the Weather**

In Grade One students go outside for morning recess and lunch recess. Please be sure to dress your child appropriately for the weather with proper outdoor footwear.

**Volunteer Program**

Volunteer sign up and information is attached to the newsletter. Please be sure to return the completed form in your child’s agenda. To allow time for the children to become used to the classroom routines, the Parent Volunteer Program will not commence until the beginning of October. Please make other child care arrangements for siblings on the day(s) you are volunteering

**Please note that in order to volunteer, Rocky View Schools require an up to date Criminal Record check and Vulnerable Sector check .**

**Donations**

If you have these items lying around we could use them!

1. Coffee filters
2. Ziploc Bags (any size)
3. **Kleenex**
4. Egg cartons
5. Scrabble letters
6. Baby wipes/Antibacterial wipes

Thank you in advance for your contributions to our classroom.

**Scholastics**

Scholastics Book club will be starting this month. Please be sure to return them by the deadline. When ordering books from Scholastics Book Club, please remember to pay with a cheque. It makes the process that much easier. Thank you!

**\*Please note that this is an optional program, should you not want to participate simply recycle the flyers.**

**Meet the Teacher**

Hi! I’m Mrs. Popko, teacher of 1P. Most of you will know me from Kindergarten last year when I taught KPAM and KPPM. For those of you who may be new, here’s a little bit about me. I have an undergraduate degree in Community Rehabilitation and a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education. For the previous 4 years I have taught Kindergarten here at RJ Hawkey. This year I am making the move to Grade One, and I couldn’t be more excited. At home I have a ball of energy 2-year-old, who is an enthusiast of anything to do with diggers, dinosaurs, and dirt! This summer my husband, son and I spent the majority of our time out camping. While I thoroughly enjoyed the summer I am very much looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. This will surely be an exciting year, I am genuinely looking forward to the journey we are about to embark on as we watch your children grow and develop. It is a pleasure and an honor to teach your children this year.

Sincerely, Mrs. Popko

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