Grade One Connection

**October Newsletter**

**Welcome!!!**

The children have had a great first month of Grade One. I have really enjoyed getting to know all of them, and it has been lovely to see how they have settled into their new class and Grade One routines. Has a copy of a newsletter gone missing? I post a digital copy of each month’s newsletter onto our classroom Grade One website.

http://rjhawkey.rockyview.ab.ca/Members/fajayi

**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 agendas, please make sure the provided clip is clipped on to the correct day.

**Important Dates**

October 6th – Professional Learning Day   
**NO SCHOOL**

October 9th – Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**

October 10th – Professional Learning Day   
**NO SCHOOL**

October 18th – Evening Three-Way Conferences

October 19th – Evening Three-Way Conferences

October 24th – Parent Council Meeting

October 31st – Fall Harvest Celebration

**Themes/October Curricular Overview**

**Themes:** Fall, Thanksgiving, Fruits of the Spirit **Math:** Numbers to 20 **Social Studies:** My World, Belonging and Home **Science:** Fall and Colours **Literacy:** Poems, Sight words, Spelling Words,   
Journal Writing, Home Reading

**Lost and Found**

**Please ensure that your child’s belongings (backpack, lunch kit, runners, jackets etc.) are clearly marked with their name.** It makes it much easier to return misplaced items when we know who they belong to.

**Snack/Lunch**

Please limit the amount of candy that you send with your child to one piece. Nothing like an afternoon sugar high with 13 kids to make a teacher go bonkers!

**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.

**Home Link**

Throughout September, your child has been working hard at remembering to print their name using an uppercase letter first followed by lowercase letters. Please encourage them to continue this practice when printing their name at home.

**Volunteer Program**

Our volunteer program has recently started. If you would like to be involved, please return your parental involvement sheet. Even if you are unable to volunteer I do need it signed and returned so that the Classroom mom can contact you for such things as, bringing in a food item for a classroom party.

**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. **Scrabble Letters**
2. **Baby wipes**
3. Ziploc Bags (gallon size)
4. Kleenex (Tis’ the sniffle season)

Thank you in advance for your contributions to our classroom.

**Scholastics**

Scholastics Book club has started! Please be sure to return them by the deadline. For those ordering, please pay online. Thank you for your support!

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

**Student Drop- Off**

Punctuality:

It is essential that your child arrives on time for school. The beginning of the day is a crucial time. If your child is late it can be disruptive to their own and other children’s learning. Please make every attempt to have your child at school on time and to pick them up promptly at the end of the day. This helps children settle into routines faster. Some days I have supervision and or meeting schedules promptly after school and can’t supervise your child if you are late. At the end of the day should you be running late, your child will be waiting for you up at the front office. Thanks for understanding.

**A Final Note**

Please ensure that when parking your vehicle is not blocking the bus lanes, and that you are remembering to use the crosswalk. Thank you in advance!

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