

# Grade One News- January 2017

It is hard to believe that we are already 4 months into the school year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful winter break. Here is what we will be up to in January:

Language: Our classes continue to work very hard on letter, digraph and diphthong sounds during whole group learning. In the month of December we learned about: z, w, ng, v, oo (short and long sounds as in book and moon). This month and next month we will be working on the sounds: y, x, ch, sh, th, qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar. We are continuing to learn tricky words (sight words) each month. In January we will be learning: **all, for, by, my, you, your, on, from**. Again it is imperative for your child to recognize these words by sight as they often don't follow our rules and are the most frequent words used in reading and writing. In the classroom we will begin to shift our main focus on sounds towards using these sounds to help read and write. Our 2 main focuses in writing will be creating original text (writing about our own experiences) and responding to text. We will also be continuing to attempt to retell familiar stories (beginning, middle, end).

Math: We will be working on numbers to 20. Students have learned represent all numbers up to 12. Your child should be able to show you different ways to represent each number (numeral, word, picture, tally marks, ten frames, 1 more, 1 less and number line). We have already been working on addition and subtraction but will spend more time reinforcing these concepts as well as recalling facts. We will also be working on problem solving. We continue to reinforce counting by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100, 2's to 20 and backwards from 20. Ask your child if they can do this for you!

Science (Mrs Ranta): In December we wrapped up our unit "Creating Colour". We had a lot of fun mixing primary colours, separating colours and adding white and black. We also learned about transparent and opaque objects. Our upcoming unit is "My 5 Senses" as well as "Seasonal Changes: Winter".

Social (Mrs. Karick): We will be working on identifying different groups that we belong to. We will start with my country and work through my province and my community. Our next unit will be "Moving Forward From The Past".

PE/DPA (Mrs. Rice):

I would like to take our Gym classes skating in February. Please look for upcoming information on that. I will also be sending home volunteer forms later this month, please return the form to your child's homeroom teacher know if you would like to volunteer to skate or to tie skates. **\*\*All skaters (including teachers + adult volunteers) MUST have a CSA approved hockey or skating helmet. \*\***



Birthdays

Levi- 1st  
Anderson- 12th





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>Reminder: Hot lunches begin this month. This month is Subway. Please order online (PES website) by January 17th if you would like Subway for your child.</p>						
8	9 Back to School	10	11	12	13 Staff Collaboration Day (No school for students)	14
15	16	17 Subway lunch orders due (online) *Lunch is on the 26th*	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Subway lunch *this had to be ordered previously*	27 Staff Collaboration Day (No school for students)	28
29	30	31				

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