



Grade One News- October 2015

The month of September flew by! Our students seemed to have adjusted well to the new learning environments. Here is what we have been up to in Grade 1

In Language:

We have been working really hard on our Jolly Phonics letter sounds. The classes have learned about s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d, g and o. Your child should be able to name the letter as well as the sound it makes. We have also been trying to break apart keywords into their sounds. We do this by slowing down the word and holding up a finger for each sound. We have also been working on tricky words (sight words). It is very important for your child to recognize these words by sight as they often don't follow our rules and frequently appear in reading and writing. The words we have worked on are I, to, the, a, do, of, like, we, me, he, she, am, was and be. All classes have also started Home Reading. Please make sure to make reading a nightly habit for your child. We completely understand that life is busy at home but Home Reading is essential for your child to be building a good foundation of language skills. You may record books that come home from our Home Reading library, school library books, Raz-Kids or books that you have at home.

In Math:

Our classes have worked on sorting objects based on a single attribute. We sorted manipulatives by shape, size and colour. We also worked on building simple patterns. All classes have been studying numbers to 4 throughout the month. Each number is represented in different ways such as numeral, number word, pictorially, on the 10 frame, tally marks and with blocks. They have read a story for each number and completed their number books. We will continue to work on numbers to 10 and patterns throughout the month of October.

In Science (Miss Larsen):

The classes have been working identifying colours in both manufactured and natural objects. Your child should be able to name all colours as well as find them in their environment. Our class really enjoys playing "I Spy". In the next month we will be working on ordering a shade from light to dark as well as mixing primary colours. We have also been working on our unit "Seasonal Changes". We have been exploring what happens when the season goes from summer to fall (i.e. what activities we do, what we wear, what animals do, etc). We will also be observing a tree throughout the seasons and watching for changes.

In Social (Mrs. Parick):

All classes have started the Roots of Empathy program in September. Our program runs once per week however we only have a baby visit once per month. The other program days will have a weekly theme such as feelings, emotions and milestones that aims to teach the children about empathy. Throughout October we will continue working on Belonging Unit. We will start by taking a look at some groups that we each belong to such as country, province, community and school groups.

In DPA/PE (Miss Langjohn):

All classes have been working on their body and space awareness while participating in different locomotion activities in both PE and DPA. Some of the different locomotion movement skills we have been focusing on are: hopping, jumping, leaping, skipping and galloping. We have been able to enjoy this nice weather and have some of our DPA classes outside exploring being active in various environments. We also spent some time discussing Terry Fox and preparing for the Terry Fox Run. We are moving towards continued work on our different locomotion movement skills while incorporating object manipulation/throwing and catching (foam balls, bean bags etc).

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on October 8th from 4:00pm to 8:30pm. Please send in your preferred time to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Appointments are booked on a first come, first served basis. The purpose of these interviews is to address any questions/concerns and to touch base about how your child is adjusting to the new school year.





Halloween Information!

Your child is welcome to come dressed in their costume in the morning **Friday, Oct. 30th**. Please remember that it is school policy that children have **NO MASKS or SWORDS, GUNS, or other violent costume items**.

Traditionally we enjoy snacks brought in by students. Boys will be in charge of bringing a healthy snack for about 10-12 students to be eaten at lunch time. We are encouraging healthy snacks such as cheese strings, crackers, fruit, meat, yogurt tubes, etc. (Girls bring in a snack for Valentine's Day).

Remind Feature

Don't forget that you can sign up to receive a text message for school and classroom messages. All you have to do is send a text to (587) 801 0289 with the message @cl201.

Phone numbers remain anonymous and you can opt out of messages at any time by replying "unsubscribe @ cl201".



Birthdays

Audrey- Oct. 21st

Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Terry Fox Run. Together our school raised over \$8,121! Way to go!

Our Grade 1 Blog

You can access our grade level blog at the following domain:

<http://pesgrade1weebly.com/>

The link can also be found on each of our staff bio pages on the Ponoka Elementary School website. We will use this blog to inform you of what we are learning each month, upcoming events and when forms are due. There will also be pictures posted as well as educational websites/games. We will attach monthly calendars to the website as well.

Please check the website frequently.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 Parent Teacher Interviews	9 No School (Staff Collaboration Day)	10
11	12 No School (Thanksgiving)	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 No School (Staff Collaboration Day)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Classroom Halloween Activities	31 Halloween

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