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February officially starts the second half of the year~ can you believe that? February will see us celebrating Valentine's Day, Hundreds Day, Friendship and finishing up Matter!! It will be a fast month!

Busy February Days in Grade One! Please add these dates to your schedules!

Feb. 12th- Valentine's Day 100 Day!

Feb. 13-17th- NO SCHOOL- Pro-D + Family Day! ☺

Feb. 18th- 100's DAY in Gr. 1! We will be exploring all things 100 all day!

Feb. 19th- **7pm School AGM/Registration for 2020-21 & * A Parent must attend** ☺

Feb. 25th- Respect Day - Pink Day!

Feb. 26th- ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb. 28th- Grade 1A Para-liturgy

Uniform Reminders

As we are halfway through the year, it may be time to have a quick look at your child's uniform... please double check these areas that we have noticed creeping up in Grade One!

BOYS: PANTS: no holes in the knees/ check length SWEATERS: watch for frayed cuffs/ holes

GIRLS: SWEATERS: frayed cuffs/ holes **HAIR:** accessories must be school/ hair colours

GENERAL: NAMES on everything & check gym runners for sizing

"Brain First" DPA

As part of DPA, we have started a web-based activity program designed to "activate" neural pathways called "Brain 1st" This program has been researched and designed by Grade Two parents in our school, Drs. Laura & Kevin Dieleman. Read more at: <https://brain1st.ca/>

Valentine's Day- February 12th

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in Grade One on February 12th. If you are sending valentines to school, please send one for everyone~ and, we ask that your child just print "Love, Sally" as opposed to "To Jane, Love Sally" (it reduces the number of mis-delivered valentines). Gr1 has 27 students & Grade 1A has 28. Students may deliver valentines to friends in other classes during recess/lunch.

100 Days in School ~ Tuesday February 18th

Our activities all day be will based on the number 100, especially counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, 10's and by even numbers! ALL students may bring 100 of anything to "Show and Tell" on 100 Day- for example, 100 coins, 100 stickers, 100 marbles a picture with 100 of something... 100 anything!

Scholastic Book Orders- DUE February 6th.

Thanks for your continued support of this program, as your purchases allow us to choose free books for the classroom- and we have bought many books for the home reading baskets. Should you like to order any books this month, please return any orders/monies by **Wednesday, February 5th.**

HoneyBee/ SeeSaw-

#13S6 Leprechaun Pack (\$ 5 books for \$15) Be ready for March!

#31S6 Stick & Stone (\$6) Help build your child be a good friend!

Lucky-

#15L6 Kindness Pack (3/ \$15) Help build your child's KINDNESS skills.

Curricular Notes:

Writing~ in Journal writing, students should be able to consistently print two "connected" sentences, with correct punctuation. Printing should be tidier and smaller, and spelling should include some "properly" spelled words. Example: I have a big dog. His name is Spot.

Sight Words~ We continue to assess students on their Sight Word knowledge. To fully meet reading expectations for the second term report card, students should be working on Level 4 (Gr. 2) words.

Level 4- (2nd Grade List): always, around, because, been, before, best, both, buy, call, cold, does, don't, fast, first, five, found, gave, goes, green, its, made, many, off, or, pull, read, right, sing, sit, sleep, tell, their, these, those, upon, us, use, very, wash, which, why, wish, work, would, write, your

Reading~ Students should be reading faster, and more smoothly (this is called reading fluency). There should be less reliance on sounding every word out, and an increased repertoire of easily read words. Retelling the story and answering "comprehension" questions is essential to good reading skills.

Math~ Counting to, recording and identifying evens/odds to 100. Practicing addition "Doubles facts" to $12 + 12 = 24$. Continuing solving addition and subtraction equations (with manipulatives) to 18.

Thanks for keeping up with everything! Have a Happy February!

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