

# OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents,

We are now at the beginning of October and our class is settling nicely into our daily routines. To assist you with helping your child at home I will continue to give you helpful hints throughout the year!

## Home Reads and Reading Fluency

We will continue to send home three books a week for our home read program. The level of book that your child is reading is the level that he/she can read independently with confidence and few errors. This level will allow your child to read successfully and will help increase his/her reading fluency. Please continue to read nightly with your child. If there are any errors with the books sent home or your child forgets it at school, please send me a note in the agenda so that I am aware. Home Reads will be changed every Monday. Thank you for your continued support.

## Reading Retell

Our focus for the next month in language is the Retell. When reading with your child at home, ask questions about the characters, setting, problem, events and solution. You can also ask him/her what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story. This will help with his/her comprehension of the text.

## Math

We are beginning a new unit in math which involves a deeper understanding of numbers. This month, the grade 1s will be required to count, print and recognize numbers from 0 to 20. We will be printing numbers to 20 so that students can avoid number reversals when writing numbers. We are also learning to add to 20. We will be looking at the counting on strategy for addition. Students will also learn that starting with the largest number makes addition easier. They will learn that doubles and doubles plus one will help them with their mental math.

## Words of the Week/ High Frequency Words

Please continue to practice the words of the week at home. These words are posted on Remind101 every week. Rapid recognition of these words during the primary years forms the foundation for fluent reading. Students who know these words can focus on the meaning of the text rather than decoding the text.

## Technology in the Classroom

Many of the educational programs that we use in the classroom require simple computer skills. It would be beneficial if you could help your child master the following skills independently.

- Find Google and Google "Teach Your Monster to Read"
- Type [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com) in the search bar
- Turn on number lock and use the numeral keyboard on the right
- Select CapsLock to create a capital letter or to turn capitals off.
- Turn the volume up and down on the PC.
- Google "Math Prodigy." This is a math program we will be using in the classroom. Additional information and logins will come home next week.

## October at a Glance

October 9<sup>th</sup>- Whole school Mass at St. Pius

October 10<sup>th</sup>- Farm Fresh Fundraiser Forms due.

October 25<sup>th</sup>- Fall Frenzy. Please help donate to our theme basket, "No Time Like the Present" (gift wrap, bows, tape, etc.)

October 25<sup>th</sup>- Grade 1 trip to Safety Village, 12pm - 2:30pm, forms to come home next week.

October 31<sup>st</sup>- Halloween parade and primary dance after lunch.