



OCTOBER

Ms. Howe's Grade 1 / 2 Class

It is hard to believe September has come and gone. I have truly enjoyed getting to know your children over the past month, and look forward to working with them this year as we grow in our learning together.

Homework

Our homework program will start this month. **My Friday Book** will be sent home every Friday and I ask that it be returned by Wednesday of the following week.

As well, we will begin our grade 1 and grade 2 word wall words this month. Every Monday we will print our words in the agenda. Please take some time to help review these words throughout the week. Every Friday, your child will partake in an oral dictation.

Assessment Portfolios

Student assessment portfolios will be sent home at the end of each month. Please take the time to review with your child their strengths and areas in which they could continue to improve on. Please note that the primary division will focus on selected learning skill goals for each term, in order to help your child become successful.

Some Reminders

- Some students have not yet brought in an extra pair of clothes. Please ensure your child has an extra pair of clothes in their baskets in case of an emergency. If your child has needed to use their extra clothes, please return as soon as possible.
- Please take the time to look in your child's agenda each night. I would appreciate it, if you could initial it so I can ensure you have seen it each evening. Your child may have notices in the front cover or have some good news to share through a written message! As well, we use the agenda to record our word wall words and put reminders in for any upcoming events, special days and specific subject days, such as gym and library.

Curriculum Focus this Month

Language: Grade 1 and 2 students will continue participating in our daily reading groups, where they will participate in engaging activities which will focus on Making Connections/Building Our Schema. During this time your child is given the opportunity to participate at their level of comfort in reading in a cross graded (primary division) environment. They will be partaking in guided instruction, shared reading, guided reading, and word activities.

Math: This month we will be focussing on Number Sense.

Grade 1 - Exploring Numbers

Grade 2 - Number's to 50

Social Studies: We will continue our unit on Traditions and Celebrations

Science: Grade 1: Energy In Our Lives

Grade 2: Movement

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday October 4 th	- Picture Day
Wednesday October	- Niagara Art Gallery
Thursday October 6 th	- Scholastic Book Orders Due
Friday October 7 th	- PA Day (No School)
Monday October 10 th	- Happy Thanksgiving!
Tuesday October 12 th	- Last day for Magazine Orders
Friday October 14 th & 28 th	- Pizza Day
October 17 th -21 st	- Litterless Lunch
Wednesday October 19 th	- Sub Day
Monday October 31 st	- Halloween Celebration

(Halloween Snacks: Tanner, Trinity and Noah)

Sincerely,

Ms. Howe



