



October Newsletter



What a wonderful beginning to the year already! I have enjoyed getting to know your children this past month. This month we are focusing on **patience** and independence. Please help your child practise to do up their own zippers and put their coats right side out. Also, please help them to demonstrate patience at home and in their community, for example, **not interrupting when you are talking** and taking turns. Thank you in advance for your support. For your child's 2nd turn as special helper, I will be sending home the, "Special Helper Backpack" . Your child is asked to bring in an item that starts with the sound of the week. There will be a clue sheet in the front pocket for you and your child to come up with 3 clues for the rest of us to guess what is inside.

Curriculum Focus

During the month of October, we will continue with the *Jolly Phonics* programme. Thank you for supporting this programme at home by reading the *Jolly Jingles* and completing the printing sheets with your child. Our Star Strategy for this month is Making Connections. We will be focusing on relating what we read to things we have done (connection to self), things we have seen (connection to world), and things we have read in other books (connection to text). We will also be using the pictures in the books to help us "read".

Our math focus will change from patterning to sorting. We will be learning about sorting and classifying objects with similar attributes (i.e., size, shape, colour). This learning can be supported at home by sorting objects found at home (i.e. shoes, books, toys, etc). Thanks for your support.

Library: Starting this month, students will be completing a journal entry after reading the library book they take home. In the library journal, the entries will focus on our Star Strategies (this month is Making Connections). Please send both the journal and library book back to school before the next library day. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Congratulations to...

At the end of each month Jacob Beam holds a recognition assembly where selected students are awarded for their efforts in class. A student who demonstrated excellence in the character trait of the month is the recipient of an award. Another student is awarded the Student of the Month for their efforts in an area of focus in the classroom. Congratulations to our September Student of the Month winner - Makenzie.

Character Trait: Respect - treating someone in a way that you would like to be treated, showing you think someone or something is important.

Welcome to Mrs. Falcioni (you can ask your how to pronounce it) an Educational Assistant who will be working with the students in our classroom. We also have Felicia - a Beamsville Co-op student - who will be coming every afternoon to help out in the classroom as well.

Upcoming News and Important Dates

Please check the classroom calendar daily to see what is going on in the classroom and in the school.

Reminders: The school food and beverage policy requires us to promote healthier food choices in the school. Please do your part to send in **HEALTHY** snacks and lunches, for example: fresh fruit and veggies, cheese and crackers, sandwiches, yogurt, granola bars (not covered in chocolate), etc. Most importantly, we are a **NUT FREE** school!!! Please check labels carefully.

Please make sure that your child has a **labeled** set of extra clothes (shirt, socks, pants, underwear) at school for any unforeseen accidents that might occur. If you choose to send your daughter to school in a dress or skirt, please make sure that they have a pair of shorts underneath. At the age of 4 and 5, they do not sit appropriately and often show their underpants. Thanks for your support.

Mrs. Haney,