



September Newsletter



Welcome to a new year at Jacob Beam! I am very excited and looking forward to working with the Kindergarten students and their parents in the coming months!

Curriculum Focus: Over the course of the month, we will be focusing on learning the classroom routines and getting to know one another. Students will be challenged to partake in class activities independently and with friends. We will be discussing what it means to be a good listener and a good friend. We will role play how to solve social situations in a caring and empathetic manner. The goal for September is to create a safe and stimulating learning environment for all students to excel and build self-confidence in.

We will also begin the *Jolly Phonics* programme by discussing the letters S, A, T, I, P and N. Students will take home their homework books once a week. Please try and find some time during the week to have your child complete their work and review this book with you before returning it the following Monday. Your support is MUCH appreciated!

In math, our focus will be on exploring the math manipulatives in the classroom as well as sorting and patterning. We will be exploring and describing patterns found in the "real world" as well as those we have created.

Upcoming News: I look forward to having parent volunteers in the classroom. Volunteers provide an invaluable service to our classroom. I will be sending home a volunteer survey in the coming weeks, although I will not likely be looking for help before October. It is important that the students and I first establish our routines before volunteers are introduced. For those who wish to help with the class but are unable to come into school, I will also be asking for volunteers to help with cleaning toys, cutting and other classroom preparations which can be sent home.

From the Office: Just a friendly reminder to please send back all of the forms received, as soon as possible. Please also be sure to sign the required documents before doing so.

Reminders: Thank you to those who have sent your children to school with their indoor shoes and extra set of clothing. Please make sure that all articles are labeled!! Also, indoor shoes should be a pair of running shoes that your child can put on themselves. Runners are required because these shoes are worn for gym class and, in case of emergency, we will exit the building in these shoes.

Event Fund: I have received some payments already for the event/memory book fund. For those new to the school, this fund covers special days, crafts and foods in the classroom, as well as, photo processing for an individual memory book of all the fun things your child will do this year. The cost is \$20. Cheques can be made out to the school.

Special Helper: For your child's first special helper day, they are asked to bring in 5 items that are important to them. They are also asked to bring in an item that starts with the sound of the week. Your child's name will be highlighted on the calendar when it is their turn.

Important Dates to mark on your calendar:

Sept. 14th, Open house at Jacob Beam 4:30-6:30

Sept. 23rd, Early Release day, all students leave at 12:00

Sept. 28th, Terry Fox Walk (details to follow)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My door is always open!

Mrs. Haney