

CES GRADE ONE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

We have really enjoyed starting to get to know your children. They have all adjusted to the routines, and we have already seen tremendous growth in all of the students.

Language Arts:

In October will continue working on building knowledge and skills to help our students become independent readers and writers. In addition to recognizing letters and letter combinations along with their sounds, we will also continue to introduce high frequency sight words lists. We will focus a lot of time on these words at school, but practice at home is always a bonus!

Students will be given plenty of opportunities and encouraged to apply their skills and knowledge in daily independent reading and writing activities.

Within the reading program we use, the students are placed at a level that is appropriate for them to be reading independently. They practice at this level until they are ready to move to the next level. Your child's teacher will work with your child and then move them to the next level when they are ready.

Math:

In math, many of the concepts we are working on are oral. We are counting by 1's and 2's to 20 and 5's and 10's to 100, subitizing (knowing how many at a glance) and patterning and sorting. Please reinforce these concepts at home in real life situations. Counting in the car is always an easy one to do.

Home reading is very important. Reading can be an enjoyable, inexpensive and relaxing activity. Your child will soon be choosing a book to take home to read to you. When your child is done with the book, please return it to school. Your child will bring home a new book the next night. Help your child read every night (10-15 minutes) to develop fluency, confidence and word skills. Please also take the time to practice the weekly sight words. We hope by the end of June that our students will be reading all of the high frequency words we have covered. To set a goal, we would like the students to try and have all words on the first list completed by the end of November. If you have any questions about any of the programs in our classroom, please bring them to the interviews this month.

Dates to Remember

- " 1—Author Visit
- " 2 - Picture Day
- " 5 & 8 - No School
- " 17 –1A and 1D start swimming
- " 18—1B and 1C start swimming
- " 22-25– Scholastic book fair
- " 23-24-Interviews (4-7pm)
- " 26 – No School
- " 31—**Halloween Monster Mash** – students meet in the gym at 1:00pm to parade their costumes and dance. Parents are welcome to attend. ***Please no weapons or very scary costumes.**

Please read the October Message from Superintendent, Kurt Sacher by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/view.php?action=object&id=84481&stream=Homepage%20News>

Also, the following link is a letter to parents from the Alberta Government, outlining changes to their school immunization program.

<http://www.carstairselementary.ca/documents/general/2018%20School%20Immun%20Changes%20-%20Parent%20Letter.pdf>

Hot Lunch - October hot lunch date is Thursday, October 25 for Co-op Chicken Tenders and Potato Wedges. Deadline to order is NOON, Tuesday, October 16. Order online here:

<https://www.studentquickpay.com/chinook/>

We are usually available to meet with you after school to discuss your child's progress and growth or any other questions and concerns you may have. Please feel free to come in and meet with us, or contact us at the school (337-8670) or via email. (pobreiter@cesd73.ca) (dsilcox@cesd73.ca) (nwiens@cesd73.ca) (lortman@cesd73.ca)