



CES GRADE ONE

October 2022



General Message

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.

We are excited to have parents come in and volunteer in our classrooms this year. Stay tuned as our homeroom teacher will be contacting you all regarding how this will work by the end of October.

Our Google Classrooms are now all set up. As the year progresses we will continue to update it with materials to support our most recent learning. Once again, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at (337-8670) or via email.

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Math:

In math, many of the concepts we are working on are oral and/or manipulative based skills. We will work to develop and strengthen number sense to 20 through manipulating, arranging, representing and comparing sets, as well as getting to know common number arrangements at a glance. Patterning and sorting will also be addressed. 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. Further information regarding your child's classroom home reading program will be communicated later this month. We strongly suggest that you take advantage of our Raz Kids program. It would be most beneficial to have your child read these books with you instead of them just listening and following along all the time. The quizzes are also a great way to monitor your child's comprehension. As little as 10-15 minutes daily will help to develop fluency, confidence and word skills.

Language Arts:

In October we 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 begin to introduce high frequency sight words. We will focus a lot of time on these words at school, but practice at home is an important part of reinforcing their knowledge.

Students will be given plenty of opportunities and are 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.

Sight Words

Please take the time to practice the weekly sight words, starting on October 3. We expect by the end of June that our students will be fluently reading and spelling all of the high frequency words we have covered. In addition to the weekly words we will also be learning number words to ten as well as color words.

Swimming Lessons

We are very excited that swimming lessons will be offered to our grade one students this year. Classes 1A and 1B will be swimming on Monday and Wednesday mornings, from October 17 to November 2. Classes 1C and 1D will be swimming Tuesday and Thursday morning from October 18 to November 3.

You will be receiving a swimming placement form, that will need to be completed and returned to your child's teacher by October 5. In addition you will also need to complete the online permission forms that were emailed to you.