

October News!



Hello everyone! We have had a great first month together! I feel that routines are set in place and all the students are beginning to understand what grade one and two is all about! There are a few items I would like to remind you of which are listed below for your convenience. If there are any questions or concerns, please message me in the Remind App or call the school.

- Book Bags - most students are doing a great job of bringing their book bags to school everyday, thank you! Please remember to return them everyday, so students can change their books and have a place to put notes in that are sent home from the school.
- The reading program has been VERY successful. Congratulations! I am very proud of all the reading that the students are doing at home. Some students have already filled a page and many are working their way to picking out a treat! Just a reminder that you can write down any book that is read at home during the night, even if it is not one that is brought home from school. If your child is reading a chapter book, please write down each chapter as a book. I encourage your child to read EVERY night.
- Scholastic orders will be sent out at the beginning of every month. If you want to buy books, please return the orders and money (or cheque), by the date given to you. There is an online payment option as well. After the due date, it only takes about one week to get the books. All orders brought in, helps buy new books for our classroom😊
- Library days this month are October 4th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Library books have not been sent home yet, but when they do, please make sure books are returned every Day 5 of the cycle so your child can take home a new book every week. Please talk to your child about taking care of the library books. If they are damaged or lost, a bill will be sent home so you can replace the book.
- We have just started a new math unit on number relationships in math. For grade one, please count to 50 regularly with your child. Have them match two things (for example, bananas), with the number (2), and the word (two). Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's is great practise as well! For grade two, we are

learning how to put large numbers of items into groups in order to make it easier to count (ex. grouping them into 10s). We will then be moving onto strategies for addition and subtraction to 18.

- In writing, our focus is to write complete sentences that make sense. We have been learning how to stretch out words, in order to hear and write down all the sounds in each word. Students are reminded to put a capital at the beginning of the sentence, spaces in between words, and periods at the end. Grade twos are challenged to add exciting words and more details to make their writing more interesting. Don't forget to reread your sentence when you are done😊
- Leader of the Pack assemblies are starting this month! Every month, there will be an academic award given - this is not just for the highest marks, but excellence, effort and progress in the classroom. Secondly, a character education award will be given for the person who represents the character trait of the month (this month is Respect). Finally, a Leader of the Pack gift will be given to the student who...
 - represents TCES, regardless of the situation or location.
 - follows the rules even when no one is looking.
 - chooses to lead and actively participate.
 - takes into consideration other's ideas and perspectives.
 - consistently displays a readiness to learn.
 - sets an example for others to follow.
- You will be sent a message if your child is receiving an award.
- Halloween will be approaching very quickly. Thompson Creek has a new rule regarding treats brought to school. Mr. Nurse has asked that students do not bring treats to school to share with their peers on these special days. Thank you for understanding.
- Hot lunches and milk have started at Thompson Creek. If you are signed up for School Cash Online, you will be receiving monthly emails with the cost and dates. If you need assistance with signing up, please stop in the office and they will help😊

Thank you for your support, *Mrs. S. Sharpe*