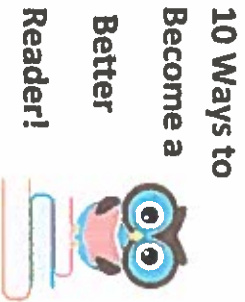


Grade One News!

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10 Ways to

Become a

Better

Reader!

- **Read**
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Wow! Grade one!

Welcome to Grade One! I hope that you had a great summer! My name is Katie Metcalfe and I will be your child's teacher this year.

I am married and we have 2 spunky kids at home...one is a daughter named Allie and the other is a pup named Ozzie.

Allie is going into SK this year – and she's really excited about going back to school to see her friends.

I had a busy summer full of bike riding, playing outside, reading and gardening.

My passions include visual arts and literacy. I have completed my Literacy Specialist courses. They have taught me a lot about

the value of reading and how to spread the belief to each student – even if they don't prefer to read traditional texts and novels.

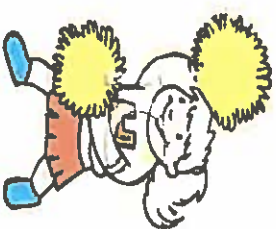
I think it's important for kids to know just how much they CAN do ...even if they are not at Grade One standards... YET! We'll

be talking a lot about this in September as we will be learning about Growth Mindset.

It takes us a bit to learn the new rules and expectations in our

room. Patience is the name of the game! We want to RESPECT each other and allow everyone the chance to learn!

My focus will continue to be on authentic, real-life tasks for learning. I like to be creative with the curriculum so we can have some fun with it!



Want to know the latest about what is happening in our classroom and school? It's soooooo easy!

1. Read and sign the agenda. We write a message everyday!
2. Follow the James Hillier Facebook page!
3. Newsletters will be sent home monthly and are available on the JH webpage.
4. Monthly calendars are glued into agendas!
5. Say hi!!!!!!!

*We have
a student
teacher
joining us
this fall!*

*Please
help me
welcome
Miss
Holland
to our
room!!*

GYM SHOES!

Thanks for sending in a pair of indoor shoes for our classroom and the gym! Ideally, they are a pair of Velcro running shoes that your child can put on by themselves. Changing into indoor shoes is essential for keeping our classroom carpet clean and for safety in the gym. We have a good spot for keeping them in the classroom, just please make sure they are labelled. We often have 3 or 4 of the same pairs show up in September!



Ms. Sabatino will be your child's gym and dance teacher this year!

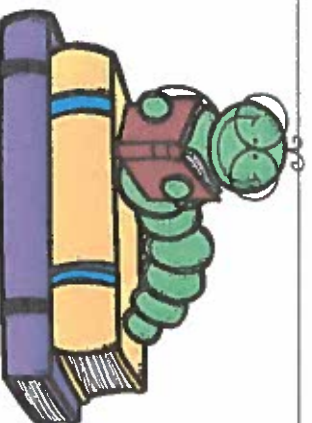
Scholastic Book Orders

I'll be sending home Scholastic flyers every month for you to peek through. If you'd like to order something, send your order and cash/cheque in and I'll order it right away!

There is no pressure to buy anything, ever.

I do order books all the time with our Bonus points earned from orders. Last year our class loved Elephant and Piggie books and we were able to order 2 sets – so that we could buddy read with them! I can't wait to see what this class likes to read!

I appreciate any orders, big and small! Thanks!



Notes to Remember!

- *Please label all coats, shoes and the dreaded winter gear! Our closet is small and things can get mixed up easily.
- *Please send in a set of extra clothes. You can either keep them in a bag on your child's hook, or keep them in your child's backpack. This isn't just for bathroom accidents!!! This saves a phone call when there is a slip in the mud, yogurt spills and water messes! Thanks.
- *Parent volunteers are always needed on field trips! Be sure to have a valid police check ready to go!
- *Please pay for your child's agenda via SCHOOL CASH ONLINE this year.
- *More information about reading bags, show and tell, and theme days will come along as we get settled in! Thanks for your patience.

Meeting the Curriculum

With every newsletter, I will be letting you know what we will be working on for each month.

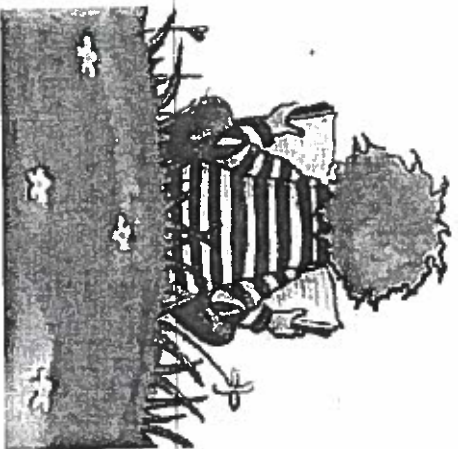
The first few weeks we'll be focusing on routines and getting along with our new friends.

- *Language: Reading Assessments, big books, and lots of shared readings!
- *Writing: Pattern sentences, finger spaces and learning to copy our agenda messages.
- *Math: Patterning!
- *Visual Arts: Colour
- Mrs. Dudley will be teaching Music and Health this year.

What can you do at home to reinforce these units?

Have your child practice identifying the sounds that they hear in the words they want to write. Start small — don't worry if the spelling is not perfect. Try writing a grocery list together or a thank you card! Read (anything!) together — share when you thought of it with each other. For math, start talking about how you can sort things!

Please send a note if your child's pick up/drop off routine changes anytime throughout the year. Talk to your child about who will meet them and where it will be.



SEPTEMBER HOMEWORK

- * Get lots of sleep.
- * Eat well.
- * Keep playing outside....it's still so nice out!
- * Practice packing your own backpack! Agendas and lunch bags are hard to get in. How fast can you do it?
- * Bring in your favourite school supplies for your desk! Good ideas include: gluesticks, nice writing pencils and something to colour with. Twistables are cool! Crayons are still awesome! And yes, we'll use markers sometimes, too!