

October 2017 Newsletter

Mixed Exceptionalities Rm. 208

**Mrs. VanderMeer & Ms. Robb**

 **GYM CLOTHES**

Just a reminder to bring a pair of shorts or track /athletic pants, a t-shirt, to change into each day for gym. They can be left here and we will wash them each week.

Important Dates in October:

* Farm Fresh Fundraiser- due Oct 4
* PD Day- October 3rd
* Holiday – Oct 9th
* I.E.P’s – home October 6th
* Picture Day- October 10
* Intermediate Soccer- Oct 5
* Scholastic Orders- due Oct 16
* Halloween- Tues. Oct 31

\*\*Please note:

We are no longer allowed to bring in snacks to share for any holiday party or celebration. There are too many concerns with allergies, and safety.\*\*\*\*

For Halloween, please bring your costume to school and we will change into them before the middle block.

Keep reading at home! All students have set goals to improve reading levels by the end of December.

It’s Month 2!

September flew by, and it’s already October! We are getting the hang of routines and work ethic in room 208, and we are learning so much every day!

 **Communication**

Blue communication bags come home each night. Please check the bags for notes in communication notebook. Please feel free to write any notes to us as well. Any work that comes home in the bag is for you to review and keep at home.

Students may at times bring home books for reading. If you have time at night to read with your child that would be great, and there will be a sheet to record home reading. This will not be every night unless a student really would like to do this. They may also have word cards to practise at times that may be in their IEP. If you can practise these too, this will help increase student success.

Students will also at times have math activities to play. Same as above. If you can take 15 or so minutes to complete the activity that would be great.

Our class also used REMIND to send out updates and reminders. If you haven’t signed up yet, please do so using the directions below.

How to sign up:

By phone: text **705-995-6695** with **@vandermec** in the text message. You will get a text back asking for your name. Please write your name and in brackets your child’s name.

If you don’t use a cell phone. Send an e-mail to vandermec@mail.remind.com and you will be added.



**School Website and Cashless Schools**

Don’t forget to visit the Thompson Creek Website for up to date information.

<http://www.granderie.ca/schools/thompsoncreek>

Also if you didn’t’ sign up for cashless schools banking last year, that is a requirement. In order to pay for hot lunches, milk, trips etc. the cashless banking must be used. The school can no longer accept cash or cheques. If you need help setting this up, please come into the school and we can help get you set up.

We will send reminders about payment deadlines so you don’t miss any meals or trips etc.

**Bacher Bucks**

Bacher Bucks are pretend money students can earn from completing work, classroom jobs, awesome work, busy bee activities in class, and for other various activities in class. Once a month students can use the “Bacher Bucks” in their account to buy little prizes, usually in the form of an auction. Students work on their math skills including using a calculator, determining if they have enough money, and subtracting and adding sums.

 **Working Around the School**

Students have been huge helps around the school over the first month. We collect all the attendance, hand out milk orders and soon will start lunch orders, as well as help the office distrubte anything they need to go to classes. Students are completing all jobs responsibly and showing great work ethic!

 Individual Learning Goals

We would like to think of this school year as a fresh start and want to be partners with everyone at home to help students achieve the greatest success possible. Please feel free to contact me at anytime for meetings, ideas, and anything else to help us create a program that is most effective for your child.

You are able to send me a message on remind, or send me an email. I can always call before and after school, or during my prep time if needed as well.

Don’t forget… there is a PD day (no school for students) on Friday September 15th.