**Curriculum This Month**

**Math:** This month, we have begun to work on Patterning – with different shapes, sounds, cycles, clothing, etc. We will always be working on number sense and counting, skip-counting – frontwards and backwards, by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

**Language:** We will begin to work on retells/recounts and procedural writing. Having your child complete an oral retell after reading a text is encouraged. We will work on responding to inferring and connection questions. Daily writing at home – whether with lists, notes to relatives, or keeping a journal is encouraged.

**Social Studies:** We will begin to look at the importance of rules and responsibilities – at home, at school and in the community.

**Science:** We will begin to look at daily and seasonal changes and the importance of air and water in our environment.

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**Welcome to the Grade 1/2 Classroom!**

A warm welcome to the grade 1 students: Madison, Michael, Jill, Theron, Daisy, A.J., Lilly, Bryson, Amelia, Gavin, Peyton, Brayden, and Mackenzie. Also, a huge welcome to the grade 2 students: Brady, Skylee, Isaiah, Alyssa, Liam, Taylor and Stephen! I am very excited to have so many students who are so eager to make new friends, and to work hard at achieving their goals! God Bless all the parents who continue to support the wonderful gifts that God has given each child! I am blessed to have your child in the Grade 1/2 classroom!

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**Housekeeping**

- Every parent is encouraged to initial his/her child’s agenda, daily. Let’s aim for all parents reading and signing it! The agenda is the perfect place for notes because I check daily!

- Beginning next week, on Tuesday, in your child’s agenda, he/she will write the ‘word list’ words (usually between 6 and 10), that your child is encouraged to study daily – for the ‘word list test’ on Friday. This will occur weekly.

- Scholastic Book orders are due before the 15th of the month. This month, they are due September 15th. Cheques made out to Scholastic are preferable, but cash is also acceptable. Bonus dollars go towards new books for our classroom book bins.

- Daily reading and rereading of provided texts in the ‘Reading Duotang’ will be your child’s regular homework. It is encouraged that the ‘Reading Duotang’ be returned on a weekly basis. The more your child reads, the greater the benefits tomorrow and into the future!

- In addition to lunch, in the classroom we take time for a healthy snack in the morning and in the afternoon. Hard working brains and bodies require more frequent energizing snacks! Thank you for ensuring that the food items are always nut free, because of allergies.

- I sometimes bring in different fresh vegetables and fruit, to give your child an opportunity to try different foods (never nut/products). Last week, and this week, the students have had watermelon – to try and keep them cool in this summer heat! The students always make the decision whether to try a little or to not try it. If your child has any food allergies, please let me know.

- If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, please let me know. The students always enjoy reading to the volunteers, and it is always helpful to have another adult helping with different activities. Your child ALWAYS enjoys having you in the classroom! If you can commit to once a week, or a few times a month, or specific occasions – all is appreciated. Please let me know. A vulnerable screening check is required.