

# January 2020 Update from Our Grade 1/2 Class

Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Raz

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! Please take a few minutes to read on for an update on language and math activities.

## Language Arts

Our Word Wall keeps on growing with all of our words of the week. We have over 65 words on our wall! These are commonly used words that should be recognized by sight for fluent reading. Some of them cannot be sounded out and need to be learned by sight. Grade 1 parents, please see attached a recent oral quiz for any words that your child needs extra practice with. This month, the Grade 2 students will begin a novel study. The students will be reading the book "Freckle Juice" written by Judy Blume.

As we approach the end of January, Grade 1 students are working towards reading levels D/E in the Snuggle Books. Grade 2 students are working towards reading level L (or 19-20) in the Snuggle Books.

P.S. Santa wrote back to our class! Thankfully everyone was on the "nice" list. He was pleased with our letters, especially the neat printing. He sent a special package of sunflower seeds for us to plant in the coming months.



## Math

Our grade 1 math learning goals include calendar skills such as naming the days of the week, the months of the year and finding information on the calendar (i.e. "How many Saturdays are there in December?", "What day of the week is January 6?"). We have been practicing these skills since the beginning of the school year. At the end of the month I will begin checking in with the grade 1 students to assess their calendar skills. Please see attached sheet to review and track these skills.

Both grades have been working on telling the time using analogue clocks. Grade 1 expectations include telling time to the hour and half hour. Grade 2 expectations include telling time to the quarter hour. We have started to review the names and values of the coins. We are practicing counting by 2s, 5s and 10s. Knowing how to count by 5s and 10s will help students count up various coins. In grade 1 we are expected to count coins up to 20 cents (i.e. 1 dime, 2 nickels equals 20 cents). Grade 2 students will count coin amounts up to \$1.00. Time and money concepts will be re-visited throughout the year. Next week we will start our unit on "Probability". Students will learn to describe the likelihood that everyday events will happen and use key vocabulary words (for example: *impossible, unlikely, certain*).

Thank you for your support and interest in our Grade 1/2 program.

Sincerely,

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