**October News** October 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Fall has arrived and the school year is well under way. Students are settling into the routines of the school day. October will be a great month full of learning opportunities and exciting events!

In September we learned about classroom/school routines, Terry Fox, Cops for Cancer and Orange Shirt Day. Our school raised money for cancer research. We participated in the Terry Fox Run and the Reconciliation Walk to recognize the impact of residential schools on First Peoples in Canada

In science, we have been studying apples. In math, we have been working on counting, printing and recognizing numbers 0-20. We have also learned some math games to play with our friends. In language arts we have been learning about the letters in the alphabet and the sounds they make. We practice letters and sounds every day. The English language is very tricky sometimes because 26 letters make 43 different sounds. We have also begun learning sight words. You will notice the classroom website is updated each week with our weekly letters and sight words. Please have your child practice these words by reading and printing them so that they know them by heart. In October we will also be learning about Fall traditions, signs of fall, pumpkins, graphing, patterns, and sorting. We will have a fieldtrip to the Pumpkin Patch at the Chilliwack Corn Maze on Tuesday, October 8th from 8:30-11am- Thankyou to PAC for generously providing funds to subsidize the cost of this fieldtrip!

Student Absences- If your child is away, we will do our best to catch them up when they return to school. There is a lot of learning that is oral and incidental which cannot be made up, so it is important that your child attends as many days as possible and arrives on time to school.

Birthdays- Birthdays are very important days to a child, but we are asking you to be sensitive when making birthday plans and handing out invitations. We have discussed with the class that birthday invitations are private and may be handed out quietly at recess or lunch. We want to make sure that feelings are not hurt. Thank you for your understanding.

Classroom Home Reading- Our classroom home reading program will begin soon. Your child will bring home little books to practice daily. Please return the books to school when you are done so they can be traded as often as possible. Thank you to the parent volunteers who are helping to trade these books. We will also be providing individual student accounts for Reading A-Z, where students can log in at home to practice reading online. Don’t forget to keep track of daily reading in the green super reader booklets!

Scholastic Book Orders- Book orders will be sent home monthly. You are welcome to order/pay online as well at [www.scholastic.ca](http://www.scholastic.ca). The first one will be sent home in October. Due dates for ordering will be printed at the top of the order booklets each month.

Interim progress reports will be sent home to students in our classroom in early October. Interim reports are not academic, but give an idea of the student’s behavior in the classroom. Please let us know if you have any questions about your child’s interim report.

Early dismissal is happening at 11:07am on Thursday, Oct.24th. There will be no lunch on this day to allow for parent-teacher conferences. In lieu of this day, we will be holding student-led conferences (open house) in our classroom on Wednesday, Oct.23rd from 2-5pm. Mrs.Guthrie and Mrs. Parker will both be in attendance to speak with families. We are hoping the later time on Wednesday will allow more families to join us. The classroom will be closed after early dismissal on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Guthrie

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