

March 20th, 2017

Dear Families,

Last week was an exciting week of school. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Friday and everyone looked fantastic all dressed in green. On Thursday, the students had their first grapheme review with all 26 graphemes. They did an amazing job. A few patterns emerged that we would like to share with you to help you practice at home. One, the students had the most trouble with the last few graphemes in particular the graphemes: u, w, and y. Two, graphemes that make more than one sound are tricky, especially ones that make similar sounds (ex: e and l, or g and j). Three, students still need to be careful with their printing, making sure it is easy to read and lower case when possible (though we do not mark for this). Please review your child's grapheme review with them and continue to practice the ones they missed. We will have another 26 grapheme review in April.

This week is also exciting, and short. There is no school for students on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, we will be having our Student led conferences (times are available between 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm). Parents and their children will sign up for a time to visit the classroom and share in their child's learning. Your child will share what they are doing in reading and writing (Daily 5), mathematics, and their visual journals. There will be multiple families in each classroom at a given time so please be respectful of others around you. If you plan on bringing younger siblings to the conference, please keep them with you at all times. Also, the play based centres (ex: house, blocks, Lego) will be closed during conferences. On Wednesday, we will be having a Spirit Day to raise money for our "Me to We" fund raising campaign. Students are encouraged to wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal. If they prefer they can also wear casual clothes instead of their uniforms. We are also encouraging students to bring a loonie (\$1.00) as a donation to the "Me to We" campaign.

This week we will not have spelling homework. Due to the short week, the only homework will be home reading. We will have a 5 word spelling review on Wednesday. The words will be selected from those already completed for homework.

Reminders:

- March 22 – Last day of classes before Spring Break! Wear your pajamas or casual clothes and bring \$1.00 for "Me to We".
- March 23 – Student led conferences
- April 3 – Classes resume after Spring Break

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Home reading book exchange.		<u>Spelling Review</u> - Home reading book exchange.	<u>No school</u> <u>Student led conferences</u> <u>1:30 pm to 7:30 pm</u>	<u>No school</u>

Have a PJ filled week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson