

October 17th, 2016

Dear Families,

The students have been doing an amazing job of learning their graphemes in school and practicing them at home. This week, on Friday, we will have our first Grapheme Review. Grapheme Reviews will always take place on the last day of the week. The graphemes will be selected from the graphemes assigned for homework as well as those in previous weeks. During the review we will tell the students the sound(s) the graphemes make. The students will then write down the corresponding grapheme. Unless otherwise noted there will only be 5 graphemes in each review. This week will cover the graphemes g, o, a, c, and d on the review.

For homework this week the students will practice graphemes 'g' and 'o'. This week the graphemes make multiple sounds each. For grapheme 'g', the sound is the first sounds in the word go and gem. For grapheme 'o', the sound is the first sounds in the word on and ocean, as well as the middle sounds in the word soon. The students did a fantastic job of printing last week, we even noticed some smiley faces drawn in between the lines as a reference. Remember, when printing the students should repeatedly say the sounds each grapheme makes. This will also serve as practice for the weekly Grapheme Review.

Last week we also sent home login IDs and passwords for Mathletics (www.mathletics.com). Glamorgan school will be trying out both Mathletics as well as another math website. Please take the time to explore these sites with your children. As teachers, we have assigned units for your child to explore. In the future we will be using these sites for homework. Please let your teacher know if you have any questions, concerns or feedback about these websites.

On Thursday morning at 11 am we will be having our first school wide Lockdown Drill involving the Calgary Police. A lockdown drill simulates an emergency where teachers gather students at a muster point within a locked classroom. Students are expected to sit silently for the duration of the drill until a police officer opens the locked doors. We will be practicing and discussing the drill and the expectations with students. It is not intended to scare students; however, they may ask you about this experience. The afternoon class will have an official Lockdown Drill later in the year.

Reminders:

- Oct. 20 – Lockdown drill 11 am (AM class only)
- Oct. 24 – Class photos and photo retakes
- Oct. 31 – Halloween

- Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am. Formal uniform required.
- Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day, no school for students.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'g'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'g'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page, printing the grapheme 'o'.	- As review, in the blue notebook print <u>TWO</u> lines of each of the graphemes: 'a', 'c' and 'd'.	<u>Grapheme Review</u> - Return homework in homework folder.

Have a great full week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson