

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all of the students on their first successful Grapheme Review. We will be marking and sending home the students' reviews in their homework folder along with their blue homework books. Please feel free to keep the Grapheme Review at home. As teachers, we want to stress that the focus of the reviews is to identify which graphemes the students need more practice on. We hope that you as parents can see which ones they got incorrect and can help them further practice these graphemes. As teachers, we use this information to help students and to teach additional lessons as needed. For the first few reviews, please do not be concerned with the results. We have been focusing on the routines of completing a review and getting a letter next to each of the numbers. This week we will review the graphemes for homework 's' and 'qu', as well as 3 previous graphemes: a, o and f. We review the vowels more often as they are the trickiest for the students to learn.

For homework this week the students will practice graphemes 's' and 'qu'. For grapheme 's', the sounds are the first sound in the word snake and the last sound in the word toes. For grapheme 'qu', the sound is the first sound in the word queen. When printing 'qu' the students need to write both letters. Likewise, on a Grapheme Review, they will need to write both letters.

The students were amazing during the lockdown drill. The police officers commented that they were very impressed by the children's calm and quiet behavior. Coming up next week is our Halloween celebration. We encourage all students to wear costumes on the day of the celebration. If your child is not in costume, then they may wear casual clothes as uniforms are not required. As a school, we do not allow students to share snacks or treats with their classmates. As such, snack will be the usual snack provided by parents on Halloween. Please let your teacher know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Reminders:**

- 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 <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 's'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 's'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 'qu'.	- As review, in the blue notebook print <b><u>TWO</u></b> lines of each of the graphemes: 'f', 'o' and 'a'.	<b><u>Grapheme Review</u></b> - Return homework in homework folder.

Have a spooky week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson