

September 26th, 2016

Dear Families,

It was so great seeing so many of you at parent – teacher conferences last week. If we did not get a chance to meet and you would like to set up a conference, then please put a note in your child's agenda and we can arrange an alternate meeting time.

This week's homework continues our practice of the basic printing strokes. In class this week, we will be finishing learning these printing strokes and begin learning our first graphemes. In addition to our printing practice, the students have been hard at work learning about the Daily 5. The Daily 5 is a literacy program that incorporates 5 aspects of literacy: read to self, work on writing, read to someone, listen to reading, and word work. To begin the students have been practicing "Read to Self". This means that each day the students spend some amount of time reading to themselves. For now, the students are focusing on reading the pictures. They are trying to discover as many clues to the story as they can by carefully studying each picture. As they progress they will be able to read letters and simple words. We are working on "building stamina" and increasing the amount of time they can spend independently reading.

In addition, this week is our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are asked to bring in a Toonie (\$2.00) as a donation to help raise money for cancer research. To honor a true Canadian hero, Terry Fox, students are also encouraged to wear red and white clothes instead of their uniforms on Thursday. Both classes will go outside for a Terry Fox Run during class time. The morning classes will go out together with their Buddy class. The afternoon class will attend a short assembly followed by the school wide run.

Reminders:

- Sept. 29: Terry Fox Run (assembly for afternoon class at 1:00 pm). All students wear red and white, no formal uniform.
- Sept. 30: Pancake Breakfast at 8 am.
- Oct. 6: Assembly at 2:15pm, hosted by Grade 3 students. Formal uniform required.
- Oct. 7: PD day, no school for students.
- Oct. 10: Thanksgiving, no school for students.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>- In the blue notebook complete one page of tall crossed diagonal lines "X".</p> <p>Lines should begin at the top solid line and continue to the bottom solid line.</p>	<p>- In the blue notebook complete one page of tall diagonal lines meeting in a "V".</p> <p>Lines should begin at the top solid line and continue to the bottom solid line then back up to the top solid line. Note: the bottom should be "pointy".</p>	<p>- In the blue notebook complete one page of tall curved lines in the shape of a "U".</p> <p>Lines should begin at the top solid line and continue to the bottom solid line then back up to the top solid line. Note: the bottom should be "curved".</p>	<p>- In the blue notebook complete one page of small circles.</p> <p>Circles should fill from the middle dotted line to the bottom solid line.</p>	<p>- Return homework in homework folder.</p>

Have a fantastic week!

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson