



Grade One News September 2018



Circle of Friends

We've joined together as classmates as the new year begins...
A year full of learning while we become friends.
We'll share and be kind as we work and play.
And our friendship will grow with each passing day.

September Learning Focus

The month of September will focus largely on adapting to our new environment, socializing with others and establishing classroom routines. Our learning will focus on the areas of literacy, numeracy, religion, social studies and science. We will look at alphabet sounds, identify basic sight words, begin journal writing using inventive spelling. We will also identify and extend patterns, sort objects, practice printing numerals and number words, explore the seasonal changes of autumn, discover colour in our world and understand the concept of belonging and which groups we belong to. Additionally students will begin to show an understanding of how they are children of God, the covenants God makes and how we can use saints as models in our lives.

Class Hours

Our class hours are 8:50- 3:22 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday our hours are from 8:50- 12:19 p.m. The warning bell is at 8:45 a.m. If your child arrives early, they are welcome to play in the supervised playground until the bell rings. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:30 a.m. Once your child has been let into the school, please have them find their locker where your child may store their outdoor wear, lunch, outdoor shoes and backpack.



Lunch/Snack

Please send a healthy **nut free** snack and lunch with your child each day. Our lunch break occurs daily from 12:15- 12:55 with the students eating first followed by recess from 12:35-12:55 p.m. You are welcome to send a water bottle with your child as well. It is greatly encouraged that the bottle sent has a **non-spill top** and a wide base for stability. We will also encourage the children to take home and wash their water bottles each night.

Important Dates

First Day of Class

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday, Sept 14
12:15 p.m.

Response Form/ Family Picture Due

Monday, Sept. 17

Cross Country Run

Monday, Sept. 17

Opening Celebration

Friday, Sept. 18
10:30 a.m.

Meet the Staff Night

Thursday, Sept. 20
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Terry Fox Run

Friday, Sept. 28

Looking ahead... Read -In Week

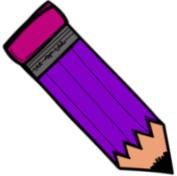
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School Sup



Each child will require a backpack large enough to hold their lunch kit and one pair of non-marking indoor running shoes to stay at school. These shoes are required for gym class so they must be a running shoe. Velcro is strongly recommended until students learn to tie laces.
Supply List:

- 3 **Green** half and half interlined scribblers (23.1cmx18cm)
- 2 **Blue** interlined scribblers (23.1cmx18cm)
- 24 HB pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 6 duotangs (not made from plastic, no pockets inside)
- 1 1.5" **White** binder with clear pocket cover
- 50 clear page protectors
- 1 pack of broad line washable markers
- 1 pack of fine line washable markers
- 2 Black Fine Point permanent markers
- 1 Black Broad Tip permanent marker
- 5 8gram Glue Sticks
- 2 Packages 3x3 inch sticky notes
- 1 package of 9 x 13 water colour paper
- 1 pair of scissors
- 3 white erasers
- Computer headphones



It is recommended your child have a set of spare clothes (in case of accidents). Please send in a labelled Ziploc bag with their spare clothes to keep in their locker.

Please bring your child's school supplies to class as soon as possible. **School fee payment of \$50 is due by October 15th**. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or on-line thru the Powerschool Parent Portal.

What's in the Sack?

During the month of September and early October, each student will have a chance to bring in an item that is special to them for our segment "What's in the Sack?". During this time, we will recite the Shel Silverstein poem "What's in the Sack?" and allow the class to ask questions to help them guess what the mystery item is. This will allow our class to learn a bit more about each student. Please refer to the **monthly calendar** to find when your child's special day is.



Birthdays

Each student's birthday will be celebrated at some time during our school year. Birthdays for July and August will be celebrated in May and June. If students would like to bring a birthday food to share with the class, they may. However, there must be enough of the food for all students in the class and please check with myself for any allergies before bringing the item in. We do encourage healthy options such as fruit and vegetables to share with the class.



Parent Helpers

In grade one, we focus largely on students building independence and confidence in their abilities. It is important that the students have sufficient time to adjust to their new environment and we will therefore have specific dates set aside for parents to join in classroom fun. Please stay tuned for notes home regarding upcoming parent activities and volunteer opportunities. Upon arrival at the school, **please ensure you have signed in at the office and completed a district volunteer form.**

Meet the Staff Night

All parents and guardians of students are invited to the school on **Thursday, September 20** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to meet the 2018-2019 Our Lady of Victories staff. You are welcome to join us for staff introductions and information on the Grade One program.



Student Agendas

Your child will be using an agenda as a communication tool between home and school. This agenda will come home from school and be returned to school every day. It can be safely transported in your child's Kanga Pouch. They will print a message each day that may tell about something we have done at school, a reminder or an upcoming event. Please read and sign the agenda each night. Your child's agenda is also a great place for you to send any notes or questions you have for me and/or about school in general.

Please note if your child does not have a Kanga Pouch from Kindergarten they can be purchased at the office for \$10.

We will also be focusing on certain sight words each week. These will be printed in the **"Words of the Week"** section in your child's agenda (on the right page at the bottom). Our goal is that students are able to read each of these words without hesitation. Please go over these words with your child each day. Finding the words in print is a great way to become familiar with them! If your child is able to read these words with ease, spelling them may be a good challenge! If your child is able to read these words with ease, spelling them may be a good challenge.

Power School

Power School is a website that will be used throughout the year. Please ensure you visit the office to get a log in i.d. for Power School. Your child's report cards will only be accessible electronically via Power School. **As well, any payments (field trips, busing, in school activities) throughout the year can be made online through this website.** Please familiarize yourself with the website and any questions can be directed to our secretary Mrs. Barnabe who is happy to help.

Electronic Newsletter

Beginning in October, the class monthly newsletter will be posted on our school website and sent by email as we move to a paperless format. Other important pieces of information will also be sent out by email. Please ensure you have provided a current email address that the newsletter can be sent to.



Response Form

The attached form included in this newsletter is to be completed and returned to school by **September 19th**. It will help me get to know your child a bit better. Thank you in advance for your support.

Communication

Communication between teachers and parents/guardians is extremely important to ensure that both parties may collaborate on what is best for the child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at the school phone number **780-489-7630** or by email at danielle.southwood@ecsd.net .



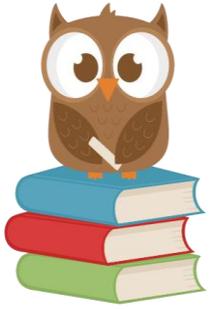
I am very excited to be starting a new school year with a group of wonderful students. We will have so much fun together discovering new things and making sense of our world. I also look forward to meeting the parents/guardians and working together to further the learning of your child.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Southwood



Response Form

Please return this page to school by September 19.



Please answer the questions below, as this will help me to get to know your child a little better.

1. What is your child's full name? By what name does he/she prefer to be called, (i.e. Jonathan prefers John)?

2. Child's birthday date _____

3. Parent contact information ***please ensure the email is up to date as most classroom information will be sent via email.**

Email: _____ Phone: _____

4. Who are the members of your family?

Mother's name: _____ Father's name: _____

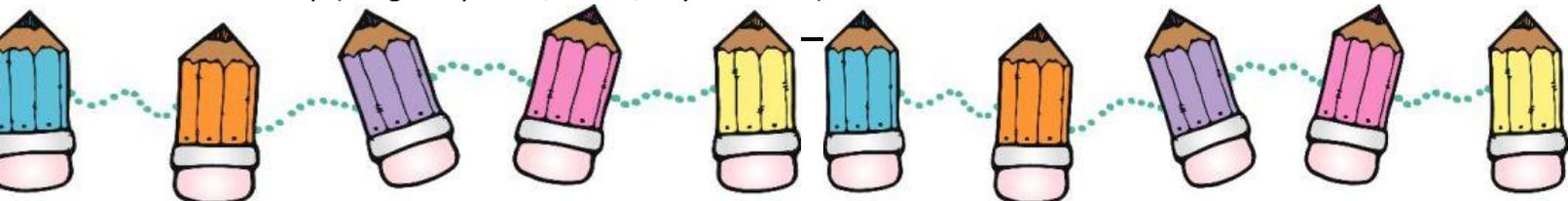
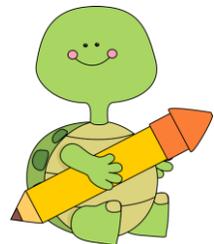
Siblings: _____

Pets: _____ Other: _____

5. Tell me about your family's culture(s). What languages are spoken in your home? Is there anything else that is special about your family that I should know?

6. Does your child have any allergies (i.e. peanuts) or medical conditions (i.e. bladder control, asthma) that I may need to be aware of? If so, please explain any special care that I may need to know about?

7. How will your child be getting home from school? Please list the people who will be picking them up (i.e. grandparent, friend, daycare etc...) or the bus number.



*****If someone other than a parent or guardian is to pick up your child, written permission needs to be provided to the school. On a day to day basis if your child has a play date or alternate pick up arrangements, please leave a note indicating the change in their communication folder. However, if it is an ongoing change, a written note should be provided to the office to be stored on file.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

8. Please share anything you would like me to know about your child (i.e. what are his/her likes and dislikes?).

Thank you!

