



June 2011 Good News from Grade One

Amazingly the last month of the school year is upon us. I wish all of the students from my class well in their future years at Sheridan Park and elsewhere and I know they will continue to grow in their love of learning that I hope I have instilled in them.

In May we have done quite a bit of assessment, in all areas of the curriculum, in order for you and your child to have a good grasp of where they stand academically as they progress to grade two.

A lot of work will be coming home over the next few weeks. Please take time throughout the summer to review the work with your child. Two months is a long time to be away from formal instruction at this age. It is very important that you as parents, use this time to review what has been learned over the year so when September approaches the concepts and skills covered in grade one have not been shelved away in the far reaches of their minds. It is especially vital to keep reviewing the Language Arts skills. Read daily, not only picture books but food packages, signs, magazines, and all the little books, poems and work which has been sent home. Write... lists, letters, stories, and keep a journal of special activities and events. You are the "bridge" over the summer that will take your child from grade one to grade two.

Scholastic Book Orders

Book order forms are attached to the newsletter. Please return them

by Thursday, June 9th, so we ensure all books are delivered by the 29th. In this month's book order are several book sets that would be wonderful for summer reading. It is very important that your child keeps reading over the summer and some of these packs are a terrific way to keep it going.

Upcoming Curriculum Themes

In June we will do our Social Studies Local Community Unit. We will start with a community walk around the neighbourhood where I will take pictures of each child in front of their house. We will be doing this next week. There are some students who live too far for us to walk to and I would like to spend a noon hour (or two) driving these students to get their pictures taken. I will send home a note to those parents whose children will be affected beforehand to make the necessary arrangements. In math, we are finishing our measurement unit and will do a fun unit on money in the last few weeks of school. We will continue writing our poems, then do some letter writing practise, and of course continue to read, read, read! Our last spelling test of the year will be this week. We will spend June reviewing some of the more challenging words on our word wall.

Please remember hats and sunscreen are highly recommended at this time of year. The students are outside from 10:45-11:05 a.m. at first break and from 1:10-1:35 p.m. at second break. Also flip flops and crocs are not allowed on the playground equipment for safety reasons so if your child likes to use this equipment make sure they have the correct type of footwear.

Upcoming Events

Two big events for the month are our two trips. Further details about the trip Downtown and the Year End trip will be along shortly.

June 1st - all library books to be returned
June 3rd - wear your tribes shirt and pizza day
June 9th - Scholastic Book Orders Due
June 10th - P. D. Day NO SCHOOL
June 17th - Spirit Day... Beach Day
June 20th - Trip to Downtown St.Catharines
June 22nd - Jump Rope for Heart
June 24th - Year End Trip to Sa-
fari Niagara
June 27th - Track and Fun Day
June 28th - Report Cards go home
June 29th - Last Day of School

Have a wonderful Summer,
Sincerely,
Kathy Trussell



P.S. I thought you might like a copy of a poem I received on a greeting card. (see attached page)

P.S.S. Please let the office know if your child will not be returning to Sheridan Park for Grade 2, as we are confirming our class lists and numbers for September.

P.S.S.S. If you have not yet contributed the \$10 for the printing of pictures in your child's memory book could you please send it along as soon as possible. If you are not sure whether you have paid or not, see me as I have a list of monies received. Thanks!!!!