

Grade One News

Important Dates

Red and White Day	13th
Ash Wednesday Prayer	14th
Report Cards	26th

Reading

This month, we will introduce another reading power (comprehension strategy) -

Jabber the Reteller. You can practise retelling after reading your snuggle book every night.

- * Tell the story. Don't memorize the author's words but develop a personal, storytelling voice.
- * Use an expressive voice.
- * Pick what is most important to tell.
- * Tell details in the right order.
- * Decide whether to include props or voices.
- * Reread constantly to check the facts.
- * It really takes a lot of practice to get retelling right.

Spelling Strategies

Students generally improve their reading and writing with lots of practice. However, they also benefit from being taught strategies that

Here are some spelling strategies used by good spellers:

- Look for patterns and word parts.
- Stretch out the word slowly and listen for all the sounds.
- Try several ways to write the word.
- Try to picture the word.
- Ask yourself whether the word looks right, sounds right, and makes sense.
- Write at **least one vowel** in each word and in each syllable.
- Think about words that sound and look the same (e.g., make, lake...).
- Practise writing the words.
- Use words around you, in a dictionary or on a word wall.
- Proofread for spelling.

So, next time you hear, "How do you spell _____?" suggest a strategy or two.



Websites to try at home:

- www.readwritethink.org
- www.starfall.com
- www.mathisfun.com
- www.funbrain.com
- <http://pbskids.org/dontbuyit/>

Valentine's Day Class List

Lauren	Lanndon
Liam	Knox
Lila	Grace
Sara	Dylan
Iylah	Jaxon
Lilly	Callum
Delilah	Mikaela
Harrison	Jude
Cameron	Kerrington
Ben	Valerie



Provincial Report Cards will be going home with students on Feb. 26th. Informal interviews will be held as requested by the teachers/or parents.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Bruyere