



Grade One News

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Happy New Year!



"If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there."
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

We are off to a flying start in grade one! January brings us many new and exciting themes to examine.

Important Dates

Sub Day	26th
School Mass	27th
Family Literacy Day	27th

Websites to try:

- www.ca.ixl.com
- www.abcteach.com

This term we will focus on **reading comprehension**. Sometimes, children read aloud smoothly and with expression, but still don't know what they have read. We can check their understanding in three ways:

- by discussing the text with them
- by asking questions about text
- by having them retell

In a story retelling, the students are encouraged to use both the pictures and the print. The students are expected to

- share the title and author
- describe the setting—where and when
- introduce the main characters
- describe the problem

- outline the main events and put them in the right order (beginning, middle, end)
- share how the problem was solved

They are also encouraged to use expressive voices and to make personal comments about or connections to the text.

At home, most **retelling** can come up informally through discussion. Keep the retelling informal, interesting, and above all, enjoyable.

Mathematics

We will review addition and subtraction and continue creating addition and subtraction stories. Sometimes, the children will be asked to solve addition/subtraction problems (stories) at home. We will do a few examples at school first so that the children know how to be successful. This may require some adult assistance at first. Remind your child to start with a **picture** or diagram, then include the math—**numbers** and then describe their method for solving the problem in **words** as well. We will begin our next unit on Time and Money.

Religion/Family Life

We will be discussing "The Epiphany". That is when the three Wise Men finally made it to the stable in Bethlehem to give their gifts to baby Jesus. We will also discuss how God takes care of us and the world.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Winter weather is here! The children are excited to play in the snow. If possible, please send **extra socks, mitts and pants** with your child. **Please label all the items.** Thank you.

Many of our children's supplies are running out. We are also looking for items like pencils, Kleenex and large Ziploc bags. Thank you for your ongoing support and your donations.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Bruyere