



Grade One Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome To Grade One!

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

This year is very important year for your child; a year that will be filled with challenges and accomplishments. I look forward to working with you to make your little one's grade one experience a successful one.

This year the Catholic District School Board is continuing to deliver a Balanced Literacy Programme. As the year progresses, your child will continue to grow as a reader. One way to foster and encourage this growth is through daily reading both at school and at home. Reading is a skill and as with all skills the more we practise it the better we become at it. During the day we do shared reading of chants, poems, and texts, as well as self-selected individual reading. At the beginning of the year your child will bring home copies of these chants in their **chant book**. I ask that you take some time every night to listen to your child read these chants. Many children will memorize them. It is an important first step in the road to becoming a reader. Once your child has memorized the chant encourage him/her to track the words with his/her finger. This shows that your child is beginning to recognize that the words we say are represented in print on the page. Next, your child will begin to recognize some of the words out of the context of the chant or when you mix them up. The final stage occurs when your child begins to read these words in many different contexts.

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Children are our most valuable natural resource.
Herbert Hoover

School Hours

8:55 am Supervision begins

9:15 am School day begins

10:45-11:00 Recess

12:20-12:40 Lunch

12:40-1:00 Lunch Recess

3:10-3:25 Recess

3:25 pm Dismissal

Ongoing Activities

"Snuggle Up and Read Program"

Once the routine of reading the chant book is established, I will be sending home a reading book every night. These books should be a 'just right' level for your child to enjoy success when reading them. The books will be accompanied by a reading log and some reading and comprehension strategies.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Bruyere

Agenda

It is an important communication tool. Parents are encouraged to write important notes to teachers in the agenda. We will also use it to communicate with you. Agendas should be **signed every night** and returned next day. Grade one is a time when your child begins to take on more independence and develop a sense of responsibility. Establishing this routine early in the year will prove very rewarding.

Homework:

Reading

- 5-10 min per night
- Chant book, word wall words or snuggle book

Printing

- 1 page per week
- Due every Mon.

Math

- math games, cards, mental math, website