

Weekly News

January 22-26, 2018

What we are learning:

- New sight words this week: MOM, DAD and UP. All of the Red and Orange list words have now been introduced. Please continue to practice the other sight words covered this year as well.
- The students have been doing really well with the sight word colour lists and they seem excited about learning more all the time. Thank you for your continued help at home.
- Introduce the TH sound: (two letters that make one sound together) ie. Thursday, The, This, etc. We will also review the CH and SH sounds.
- We will continue to work on the reading strategies this week: **Eagle Eye** ~ Eagle Eye reminds us to look at the picture clues to help read the story & **Lips the Fish** ~ Lips the Fish reminds us to look at the beginning sound in an unknown word by getting our lips ready for the first letter. These two strategies are often used together to help the child decode an unknown word by both looking at the picture and the beginning letter to figure out/guess the unknown word (ie: rug vs mat; puppy vs dog etc.)
- In Writing, we will be putting more of a focus on adding that beginning sentence to our drawings by adding a beginning, middle and ending sound when possible. (Or just a beginning sound for those not quite ready for all the sounds) We are also working on putting finger spaces between the words we write to make it easier for someone to read.
- We will continue to work on sounding out CVC words (separating the sounds they hear) IE, chat - ch - a - t
- In math this week, we finish up with the outcome: Compare quantities 0-10, using one to one correspondence. We will give the students a small assessment near the end of the week to make sure everyone understands more and fewer, as well as, being able to make sets/groups that are more, fewer or equal to another set
- You & Your World: This month we will focus on Self Control as our team trait.

Information Items/Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, January 23: Bring a loonie and wear a hat- all money going to support Pettitcodiac Elementary School to help rebuild their library due to flooding
- Thursday, January 25: Zumba (\$2) & February Hot Lunch Orders Due
- **February 6th and 20th** will be K-2 skating days. Our time is 9:00 - 9:40 on the ice. We will leave the school at 8:30 to have a little time before to get skates and helmets on. Students will need skates and a helmet for these days. The school does have a few extras but not much for sizes. **Let us know as soon as possible if your child will need skates or a helmet and we will do our best.
- Reminder: It is helpful if your child has a change of clothes and a couple of extra pairs of socks. Still lots of wet socks and pants this week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Introduce TH -New Take Home Books sent home if others were returned. - Read Take Home Books	-Introduce MOM, DAD and UP - Wear a hat - bring a \$! - Read Take Home Books	- Read Take Home Books and Practice sight words	-Scholastic Due - hot lunch orders Due - Zumba \$2 - Read Take Home Books and Practice sight words	-Fruit on Friday (for snack) -Please return Take Home Books

Homework Ideas:

- Reading books will be sent home again this week to practice. Please try to spend 5 min a night reading their books.
- Sight Word Rings: Please practice these a few nights a week. Another way to practice words is by making flashcards using index cards or paper and playing memory. Flip two cards and see if they match, say both words. If they don't match, flip them back over and it's the other person's turn. If they do match that player can keep them and flip two more cards.
- Another idea: Window writers - Use window writers to write your sight words on the window

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us at the school, send a note in your child's message bag, or send an e-mail.

