

# Gr 2 Newsletter

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Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.

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Hello,

It's the start of another new week at HES. We will be continuing to move ahead with building stamina, and adding new choices to our Daily 5 choices this week. I am hoping we can have a good grasp of Read to Self, Work on Writing, and Word Work as choices during their independent work time by the end of this week. Last week I introduced Fix It Up! sheets for students to practice editing pre-written sentences during Work on Writing.

I will be sending reading books home before long for practice. I was able to meet with many students last week to read with them individually, and hope to meet the rest this week. I will soon begin grouping the students into reading groups based on needs, and sending reading home for practice each week.

Mr Carr

## New Word Wall Words

1. After
2. Then
3. Will
4. Come
5. If
6. They

## Home Practice:

We have been playing Word Guess (a Hangman style game) using the word wall words this past week in class. It is a fun way to promote the use of the word wall, and recognizing the word wall words. This can be a great way to practice at home too! Instead of Hangman, you could do draw a Minecraft creeper block by block for incorrect guesses. Encourage students to count the letters in the word (# of spaces given for unknown letters), and encourage choosing vowels often.

**Remember, try to keep the work you do at home a positive experience!**

## A peek at what's coming up...

Literacy	Math	Other
<p>We have practiced Read To Self and Writing as part of our Daily 5 this past week. In the coming week we are aiming to add Word Work to our choices that we can do during our independent work times. Word Work will include working on the week's word wall words, as well as other word building activities.</p> <p>We have been working on planning our stories using a BME sketch planner (drawing a sketch for the beginning, middle, and end). This week we will be focusing on adding important details to support our main ideas to help add valuable details to our stories.</p>	<p>In Math we have been working on some simple games, activities, and routines so far. We are continuing to work on games which promote comparing numbers, and turn taking.</p> <p>We have also been working on Statistics and Probability (surveys, tally charts, graphs) in class. We have been focusing on creating survey questions, collecting data, and representing the data with concrete graphs (graphs using materials like linking cubes to show results). This week we will be focusing on answering questions related to our findings, and creating different types of graphs such as bar and pictographs.</p>	<p>The class received our first postcard from another Canadian community. We are looking forward to getting our own postcards out soon!</p> <p>In Art we've now produced two pieces of art focusing on the use of line. We will continue focusing on line this week in Art, with a piece that will have the kids creating some crazy hair self-portraits.</p> <p>The school will be continuing to focus on personal safety this month.</p>