

# News from One and Two

Issue One – September

## Getting Started...

**Mailbags**– Each day the children will bring home their papers in a zippered mailbag. Please return the bag **every** morning in their knapsacks. If you are sending notes or money to school, please use the mailbag. This system will ensure that important documents arrive safely.



**Homework Books**– Beginning today, the Grade Ones and Twos will be bringing home a red **Homework book** each night. While the amount of homework that the students receive is minimal this early in the year, the purpose of the book is to make the students responsible for **completing their homework, getting their book signed by you, and returning it to school the next day in their mailbags**. It is **their** job to do these things without constant reminders from you. By the time they reach the older grades, good habits will be in place regarding responsibility for doing things on their own. To encourage all of our students to complete this task, an incentive reward will be given on Fridays for the whole school.



**Chime In Books** – Each Friday, your child will bring home a yellow Chime In book that will contain a poem that the class has learned that week to share with you. Please return the book every Monday morning!



**Lunches** – Lunch is an exciting time in our class, but by the end of the day, no one remembers what they had to eat. Please put names on any plastic containers that you send to school for lunch so that you will see them again. Also, as a safety precaution, no glass bottles are to be sent in lunches. Thank you!



**Gym** – Our class will be having Gym on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons. Running shoes must be worn, but no gym uniforms are required in Grade One and Two.



**Bible Verses:** Each Monday, a Bible verse will be sent home with your child to be learned for the next Monday. Prizes will be awarded each term as an incentive for memorization, and it also appears as a mark on each term's report card.

**Word Wall Words:** Each Monday a list of five words will be sent home. We will be working with these sight words each day in class. Recognition of these popular words helps in reading fluency and writing proficiency.



**Spelling:** Each Monday a list of spelling words will be sent home with all **Grade One** and **Grade Two students**. Please review these words each evening with your child. Spelling Dictation will take place each Friday to see how well we have mastered these words.

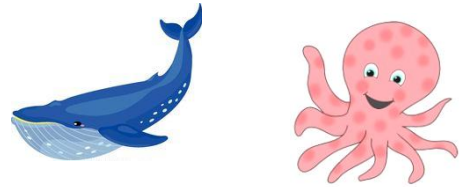
**Scholastic Book Orders** – September order forms will be sent home shortly. There are many good, inexpensive books in these flyers that help promote the importance and value of reading. Thank you for your support of this program. Last year our class received over \$300 in free materials from Scholastic because of your orders. To order online, follow the instructions on the order form and search for our school and my name. (Cheryl Jewitt)



**Show and Tell:** We will start this program in October. The schedule will be on our calendar. Your child may bring one or two items on the scheduled day to show to the class. Pets are welcome as show and tell visitors but those visits must be pre-arranged with Miss Jewitt!



**Science** – September is our month of science. Our first unit is called **Ocean Life** and focuses on mammals and fish found in our oceans. We will look at a variety of God's creatures such as dolphins, whales, sharks, fish and several more while examining their habitat and needs for survival.

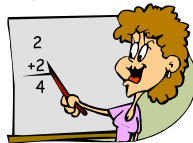


### **Looking Ahead...**

**Language** – We will begin the year by meeting and getting to know all of our classmates. We will discover a lot about our friends as well as ourselves. Then September will find the Grade Ones and Twos working on their reading skills. Through read-alouds and individual reading, it is sure to be an enthusiastic group who opens their readers. The Grade Ones and Twos will also be reviewing beginning letter sounds while working with their names and some fun tongue twisters.



**Math** – We will begin September with a variety of data-collecting investigations to learn more about each other. The Grade Ones and Twos then begin to explore numbers and their meanings with a series of hands-on lessons to develop their counting skills and number sense.



**Classroom Toy:** - Every weekend, a member of our class will take home our classroom Webkinz named London. Include him in your weekend activities and complete a journal entry for your child to share with the class on Monday morning. This is a wonderful incentive to get your child writing!! The toy will be quarantined in a plastic bag all week so it will be safe to bring home with your child.



**Happy Birthday** - Congratulations to Emily who celebrated her birthday on September 5!

