



The Converse Connection

November 2020



Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Halloween celebration! We enjoyed the parade and many Halloween themed activities in the classroom. During the month, please be sure to periodically check my teacher web page located on the Parkdale webpage. It is a work in progress, with me adding features to it on a regular basis. If you need to review my monthly newsletter or classroom calendar during the day, both are posted on my webpage for you to view at home or while at work! Thank you for checking your child's Take Home folder each day. On many days, there are papers the kids will bring home but they do not need to return them to school.

Listening and Learning - This month we will enjoy The History of the Earth unit. This domain focuses on the geographical features of the earth's surface and the layers of Earth. Students will learn about the shape of Earth, the North and South Poles and the equator. Students will also learn the names of the layers of Earth - the crust, the mantle and the core - and characteristics of each layer. Students will learn how occurrence such as volcanoes and geysers give information about the layers of the earth. The lessons are exactly what they are called, listening and learning. Lessons involve visual pictures that go along with a story, which a first grade teacher will orally read to the children and will be posted on my Goggle Classroom. There is little written work for the children to complete. I have posted additional information about this unit, such as vocabulary words that have been introduced, on my teacher webpage.



Reading - In Unit 2, the Reader is called Gran. Gran is about a well-traveled grandmother who visits her two grandchildren, Josh and Jen. There are story question worksheets included for most stories. We will complete the worksheets in class, teaching the children how to echo the question in their answer and using complete sentences. A packet with all of the stories from Unit 2 has been sent home. Please have your child read the stories to someone at home. The grammar lessons in Unit 2 focus on nouns, including proper nouns and sentence building. Tricky words that will be introduced are high-frequency words. The tricky words included are: he, she, be, me, we, they, their, my, by, you and your.



Math - In the first module of Grade 1, students make significant progress towards fluency with addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 as they are presented with opportunities intended to advance them from counting all to counting on, which leads many students then to decomposing and composing addends and total amounts. Please be sure your child is practicing their math flashcards as part of their daily routine. I will continue to send home additional cards for them to cut apart and record the correct answer on the backside.



Snack - Be sure that your child has a snack each day. I have had several students arrive to school without a snack, which makes for a long morning or afternoon. Also, for a drink, please only send in water bottles. The children have a difficult time opening up juice boxes and they cannot be sealed to drink later on in the day. Thank you! 😊



W.O.W. & At-home Work - On Tuesday, your child will bring home their W.O.W. folder. The assignments in this folder should be completed on Wednesday and returned to me on Thursday. Each Friday, your child will bring their At-home work home in the form of a packet. This packet should be completed the next week when they are not in school and is due back on the following Monday. Please reach out to me if you have questions about any of the assignments.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Ms. Lyons will send out directions on how to sign-up for Parent/Teacher Conferences. For safety reasons, they will be conducted on a Google Meet. Conference days have been scheduled on Wednesday, November 25th from 8 AM - 11 AM, Wednesday, December 2nd from 8 AM - 3 PM and Thursday, December 3rd from 3:45 PM - 6 PM.



Google Meets - From this point on, unless I have a meeting or training scheduled, all of my Google Meets on Wednesdays will be at 9 AM. Please note that we do not have school on Wednesday, November 11th due to Veteran's Day. Your child's W.O.W. folder will not be sent home to complete. In addition, on the two Parent/Teacher Conference days, 11/25 and 12/2, I will not schedule a Goggle Meet because I will be in conferences. The children will have work to complete in their W.O.W. folders, which needs to be returned on Thursday.