



The Converse Connection

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Converse Connection newsletter. In addition to this newsletter, please check my teacher webpage for important updates and curriculum information. **Please encourage your child to share their daily take home folder with you.** Inside, you will find papers we have completed in school and any homework assignments. Also, on Tuesday, your child should bring home their Tuesday folder. Information included in this folder will be events happening at school and in the community along with Scholastic book order forms. This folder should be returned to school on Wednesday. **Our class does collect Box Tops!** **Please continue to send them in with your child. Any amount is greatly appreciated!**

Listening and Learning - Currently we are exploring The Human Body. The children will learn about the different body systems, ways to stay healthy and the importance of visiting the doctor for annual check-ups. This daily lesson is exactly what it is called, listening and learning. It involves visual pictures that follow along with a story I read to the children. At this point, there is not any written work for the children to complete. I have posted additional information about this unit on my teacher webpage.

Reading - Unit 1 serves as a review for students who completed the Common Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Kindergarten program. Students will review the sounds and spellings taught while attending Kindergarten. We also will read decodable stories from Snap Shots. We have been reviewing the five short vowel sounds and twenty-five consonant sounds. We are also working on "Tricky Words". Tricky words refer to a word that cannot be sounded out using the letter-sound correspondences that students have been taught so far. Tricky words included in Unit 1 are: a, I, no, so, of, is, all, some, from, word, are, were, have, one, once, to, do, two, who, the, said, says, was, when, where, why, what, which, here and there.

Math - Parents should expect math homework a few nights a week, usually just the front side of the paper. If your child is struggling with an assignment, please simply write a note on the top of the page that they tried to complete the assignment but need additional instruction on the subject matter. I will work with them, one on one, during our Intervention Block. Currently, in Unit 1, we are working with Sums and Differences to 10. There is information about each math unit on my teacher webpage.

Social Studies - Units of study this year will be All About Me, Rules and Laws, Where People Live, We Love Our Country, Our Changing World, Meeting People and The Market Place. During the school year, we will alternate between units in Social Studies and Science. Recently we completed the chapter Being a Good Citizen in Social Studies. Many of our social studies lessons are created in an interactive book we make in class. This book will be sent home for your child to share with their family after each chapter is completed.

Science - The first grade science curriculum includes Light, Sound, Patterns in the Sky and Exploring Organisms. Our science program is taught using many science resources such as Mystery Science, the Parkdale STEAM Lab and teacher created materials. There will be numerous hands-on activities in each unit.

Walking Field Trip to the Farmers Market - On either Wednesday, October 16th or 23rd, the first grade classes will take a walking field trip to the Farmers Market from 9-10:30 AM. I will need 4-5 chaperones to help walk the children to the plaza. I will be in touch as soon as I know which day we will be attending.

Halloween Party

Listed below is the list of volunteers for our Halloween Party. The party is scheduled on Thursday, October 31st from 1-2:30 PM. The time of the annual Parkdale Halloween parade has not yet been scheduled.

Goodies - Kasia (cookies) & Samantha (cupcakes)

Healthy Snacks - Hazel, Ophelia, Holly, Adam & Olivia

Drinks - William & Reese

Cups - Avery

Plates - Charleigh

Napkins - Ben

Party Volunteers - Sarah Orcutt (lead planner), Jaclyn Mozg, Kassie Kasper, Stephanie Chudy, Nicole Sullivan, Adam Holtz, Shannon Beiter, Stacey Blatner, Amy Case & Bethany Whitehead

