

November 2015

Ms. Greatrex Grade One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Gym	5	6 Pizza Day Gym Library
9	10	11 Remembrance Day Gym 	12 Pizza Day	13 PA Day
16 Gym Library	17	18	19 Gym	20 Pizza Day
23 Gym Library	24	25 Book Fair	26 Gym Book fair	27 Pizza Day Social Studies Due Crazy Hat/Hair day & Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Jantzen, Mrs. Crossley and Mrs. Bowman for reading with our Grade 1's!

With Thanksgiving, Halloween and lots of celebrating along the way, October was a super busy month. Thank you to Mrs. Jantzen, Jordan and our Grade 8 helpers for coming in to help with pumpkin carving. The kids did a great job, designing pumpkins, counting seeds and welcoming our volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the

Halloween party. The students enjoyed their healthy snacks.

Exciting news! Our class is part of a special project! This year, Kindergarten, primary and junior classrooms will be setting up online portfolios where parents can view student work. These portfolios will only be accessible by the child, parent and teacher. It will be a great opportunity to see your child's work, and help your

child set and meet their goals as part of the Ministry of Education's All About Me Portfolios K to 6. Look for further information to come home later this month!

This month, students will have a Social Studies assignment that they will need help from home to complete. Please see the assignment for complete details.

Success Criteria



This year you will be hearing more and more about "success criteria", but what exactly are success criteria? Basically, success criteria consist of a checklist of all of the needed parts of an assignment. They are all of the things that need to be done in order to be "successful" on a task. Your child will be using success criteria checklists to help to ensure they have done all the parts of a task.

Reading

We are off and "reading" with the Take Home Book reading program. Please be sure to have your child read each day. Talk about the books that your child is reading using our reading think marks.



Math

Students have been hard at work exploring numbers. We have been making numbers using base tens, tally marks and will start exploring coins. Students have also been practicing their counting skills by counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. The grade 1's are working on counting by 10's and 5's to 100, and we are working on counting by 2's to 50. Anytime that you can listen to your child count this month, would help to further develop these important numeracy skills.

In math, students have been developing their problem solving skills with a math partner. Together we are working on reading word problems and coming up with a plan to solve them. In partners, students are carrying out the plan and explaining their solutions using pictures, numbers and words.

For some more math games, be sure to check out the links on our class website <http://mgreatrex.weebly.com/>.



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Writing

Students have been writing recounts and have been focusing on writing sentences. We will continue writing more recounts over the course of the school year. When your child is sharing something about their day, be sure to ask them for the W's: who, when, where, what, why & how was it.

Words of the Week

On Mondays, students will get their words of the week. The words will be written in your child's agenda to be reviewed throughout the week. Words of the Week quizzes will usually be on Mondays. See your child's agenda for details.

Library

Students will exchange their library books every day 2. Please be sure to help your child return their books.

Book it!

Students have been receiving their Pizza Hut coupons for October. Coupons do have an expiry date, so be sure to use them within 30 days of the date of issue.

If your child has not returned their tracking sheet, please be sure to have your child return their October Book It tracking sheet as soon as possible.

Last week, students received their November Book It Tracking sheet. Have your child set a goal to read at least 20 times this month, and get reading!

Thank you for your support with this program.