

Dear Grade 2 Parents and Guardians,

Early Dismissal October 24th : Parent-Teacher Connections

Our first early dismissal is coming up on Tuesday October 24th. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 and busses will run 2 hours earlier than normal. I will be reaching out by phone on that afternoon, to touch base with parents for a quick conversation about how your child is doing so far this year, answer questions and give you some ideas on how to best support your child. I will make at least 2 attempts to contact parents (between 1pm and 6pm) using the phone numbers that were confirmed on the office verification forms sent home at the beginning of September. In my experience, most parents find a phone call much more convenient than an in-person meeting. However, if you are not available to receive a phone call on that day, and you would like to have a phone conference, or would prefer to arrange to meet in person, please email and let me know.

Field Trips

Our class will be going skating on Wednesday, December 13th. Please let me know if your child doesn't have skates, or is unable to borrow a pair. A field trip form will come home a couple of weeks before the day of the trip. I prefer to book field trips later in the year, when the weather is nicer (and the destination is related to the curriculum we are studying at the time). TBA

Spelling/Show and Tell (reminder)

Just a reminder that spelling practices take place at the beginning of the week (Monday-unless it is a holiday or Pro D) and spelling tests occur at the end of the week (Friday-unless it is a holiday or Prod D). A printed copy of the spelling practice should come home, and the students also write which list we are on in their planners, at the beginning of the week so you know which words to practice.

Every child (who chooses to) can bring something for Show and Tell on Fridays. They should try to keep it concealed (in a bag) and be ready to give 3 clues so that the rest of the class can try to guess what their Show and Tell is.

Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner and our class will be having a small Halloween celebration on Tuesday, October 31st. Most children will be dressed in Halloween costumes, but please have your child leave masks and weapon costume accessories at home. Feel free to have your child bring a snack/treat to share with the entire class (19 students) if you so wish. Healthy snacks are always a great option. We will have games, Halloween activities and a short video starting sometime after recess. I believe there will also be a dance activity in the gymnasium for the primary students.

PS: We are not a "nut-free" (or "peanut free") school but we are a "nut-aware" school, so you can have your child bring these kinds of foods for snack/lunch. We always use caution and wash our hands after eating nut products/foods.

Home Reading / Planners

Thank you to those parents who have already started to record their home reading sessions in their child's Home Reading Log. If you have any gently used books that you no longer want and would like to donate to our class library please let me know or just send them to school with your child with a note. We have been trying to get in the habit of writing in our planners regularly (eg. to let you know which spelling list we are on) and will try to use them at least once or twice a week, but if you have an important message please send a note or phone the school if possible.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mr. Shawn Bodger