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THE

# 1A REPORT



## Home Reading Program

Your child will begin bringing home a home reading bag starting on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. This bag will contain books that your child is working on reading, including some class created books. **Please advise me, by writing in your child's agenda**, if your child is bringing home books that are too hard or too easy for them.

Your child may be bringing home level A books that they are unable to read. If this is the case please encourage them to read the pictures. You can support them by asking them what is happening in the pictures and opening a discussion on what they think the story is about. Read the story to your child and see if they are able to retell it to you. Setting a great example will help to support your children as they become readers themselves!

Children can also practice sounding out words, using the sounds that they know and the pictures as their guide. Do not worry if your child memorizes the book and is not reading it as this is their very first step in reading, they are learning the conventions of reading!

Books should be kept in your child's book bag for a couple of days or until your child has memorized or mastered them, but they do need to bring their book bag to school **every day**.

**Happy Reading!**

## Welcome to Grade One!

*I am very excited to start off the school year! I am looking forward to welcoming you and your child and/or children into our classroom community. Please remember that I am here to assist you as your child /children transitions into Grade One. I am always available via email: [cfry@ggsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:cfry@ggsacrd.ab.ca), or you can leave a note in your child's agenda and I will be sure to respond.*

### What's Going On?

#### Epluchette

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm

Join us for an evening of food and family fun. I look forward to seeing you there!

#### School Photos

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

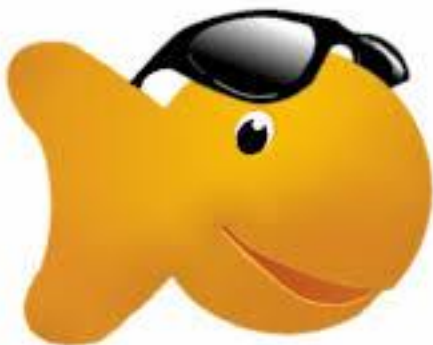
#### Back to School Celebration

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm

#### PD Day NO School

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Pattern Snack Day  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

## Pattern Snacks



This month we will be working on making, identifying and continuing patterns. To celebrate all of our hard work and have fun while learning, we will be having a patterned snack day on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please send three different small snacks (ex: cranberries, goldfish, cheerios) in small amounts. These will be used to make a pattern in class that we will then eat, YUM!



### Printing

Please remember while practicing printing with your child that they should be printing from top to bottom to ensure proper letter formation.

### Flash Cards

You will soon be receiving your first group of flash cards. These will include color words as well as classroom words. Please help support your child to learn these words by reading them frequently together. Practicing these words will help your child to recognize them in text and will build their confidence as a young reader.

E-mail is an integral part of our communication here in 1A. Please ensure that your information is current so that you are not missing out!

### Parent Partnership Evening

Our parent partnership evening will take place on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Please join us to learn more about how we can work together to make this an amazing year for you and your child! Check out our EMP newsletter for more info.