

# 1A News

Congratulations and thank you to all 1A students and families for a successful first month !



## What's Going On?

October 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am	Thanksgiving celebration.
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	NO school
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Monday NO school
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fall Festival

## Numbers to 20

Students will soon begin their unit on numbers to 20. We will start by learning how to represent numbers by writing the words, representing numbers numerically and pictorially. You can help at home by looking for numbers in the environment and counting together starting at one, or from another chosen number. It would benefit your child as well to have them count sets of items in order to help them understand that numbers represent sets of 'things'.

Congratulations!

We are now at the end of our unit on patterning. The students have done a great job! We also had the opportunity to enjoy a delicious pattern snack.



# Assessment and Evaluation

## Assessment & Evaluation

This week, in your child's homework folder, you will find a copy of our very first Math test. On both sides of the sheet, you will see a description of the outcome being tested, as well as a target indicating how your child did. There are four levels of achievement, as listed below.

4 – Wow! You have an excellent understanding of this outcome.

3 - Good job! You have a good understanding of this outcome, but there is still some room for improvement.

2 – You're on the right track! You have a basic understanding of this outcome, but you still need a lot of practice.

1 – Oh, oh! You do not seem to understand this outcome. We'll have to work together to help improve your understanding.

This system of assessment & evaluation will be used throughout the year in all subjects. The students love it and understand exactly what it means. They always strive to achieve that 'shining bulls eye'. You can help your child out by reviewing their test with them at home.



## Sight Words

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to do sight words. In order to maintain consistency, I have selected four parents who are available to test the students on Tuesdays. Students have been pretested and have had the chance to do be tested several times. Your child should be able to easily read 19 to 20 of the words on their list without sounding out before advancing to the next list. Please remember that once your child moves on, it is always a good idea to revisit previous lists. The lists are also available on my website should you need another copy.

# Flash Cards

I will be continuing to send home French flash cards throughout the year. Please cut them out and practice them with your child. If you go to my website under language learning links you will find some links that will help with French letters, colors, school words, etc.

# Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival will be taking place on the evening of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once the orders go out please be sure to get yours in as soon as possible to ensure that you get tickets, as they often sell out. This is your opportunity to dress up, visit and boogie down with your child and other EMP families. Hope to see you there!

# Homework

Homework can sometimes be overwhelming for students and parents alike. Grade

One students should have no more than 15 minutes of homework a night the following is how I would break it down;

5min- home reading

5min- sight words

5min- flashcards or math

Set a timer for the amount of time that you would like to set for homework with your child. Do as much as you can within that given time and then stop, relax, and enjoy your evening. Whatever you were unable to cover will be there tomorrow to review.

Please keep in mind that as the month goes on I may send periodic update emails to let you know what's up in 1A and at EMP. Thank you so much for your wonderful participation so far this year and have a blessed Thanksgiving!

