1/2 Team
Welcome to Term One 2014!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break! The children have settled in well and are beginning to establish a solid routine and new friendships within their classroom. We would like to introduce you to our team: Grade 1A Shannon Slator, 1B Sally Fowler, 1/2 A Rose Krajacic and 2A Khalad Karim. We would also like to welcome all new students and their families to our school community.

Our themes for the Term are ‘Look At Me! Look At Us!’ and ‘What My Body Needs’.

In ‘Look At Me! Look At Us!’ Students will recognise that everybody has personal qualities, strengths and are capable of achieving success.

Students will acquire the following skills:

- Listening to directions and to others
- Respecting others
- Cooperating with others, taking turns, being courteous
- Being a leader and a follower

In ‘What My Body Needs’ Students will understand the contributing factors to leading a healthy life and reflect on their own habits and make healthy choices for the future.

Students will acquire the following skills:

- Making good choices
- Making healthy choices
- Making good choices after learning more information
- Collecting data
- Recording information
- Drawing conclusions from data

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:

Students will continue to participate in daily Independent Reading activities where they will be provided with opportunities to discuss and compare a variety of texts. This term the students will identify themselves as readers and develop supportive reading habits, including:

- Monitoring and self-correcting at the point of error by re-reading and checking language structure, meaning (pictures) and sound-letter information across the entire word. Students will also use context, prior knowledge, punctuation and phonic knowledge.
Students will continue to build a bank of high frequency words that they recognise automatically within continuous text.

Home reading continues as a daily expectation. We do expect all children to be reading for at least 15 minutes every night. They can read magazines, recipes, comics, T.V guides... Children should be reading for meaning and enjoyment! Children should also be in the habit of looking at their word list which is kept in their Take Home Book Bag.

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:
During this term students will continue to see themselves as writers. They will:
- Understand that writers choose topics that are of significance to them and they write to convey meaning.
- Rehearse/plan for writing by thinking, talking, sketching or listing.
- Make plausible attempts at unknown words, using sound-letter knowledge, known word parts and refer to the Word Wall.
- Re-read their writing to ensure that it makes sense.
- Understand that writers choose topics that are of significance to them and they write to convey meaning.
- Re-read their writing, adding, deleting or changing parts of the text to improve the quality of the writing.
- Using an editing anchor chart to begin to edit spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Correctly spelling words with regular letter-sound relationships.

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:
During this term, students will explore the following:
- Model and/or represent two-digit and three-digit numbers in appropriate ways (Concrete materials, number lines, diagrams, etc).
- Naming two-digit and three-digit numbers (say, read and write in words).
- Recording two-digit and three-digit numbers.
- Comparing, ordering, counting (forwards and backwards) and renaming numbers in multiple ways.

Important Dates:
- Wednesday 26th of February: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 6th of March: Grade 1/2 Science Works Excursion
- Monday 10th of March: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 4th of April: Last day of Term 1 (2.30pm Dismissal)

Please note Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 22nd of April

Specialist lessons days:

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We are also encouraging our students to develop Sun-Smart behaviours. This includes:

- Ensuring that they wear hats throughout the year (especially in the warmer months of Term One and Term Four).
- Encouraging the students to place sunscreen on themselves before school at home.
- Encouraging the students to bring along a 30+ roll on sunscreen that they can use to put on themselves during the day.

Other information:

Absences
If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the absence is required.

Valuables
To avoid any problems please do not send valuable toys or other items to school.

Personal Belongings
Please label all personal items, especially school jumpers as they are an expensive item to replace if lost.

House Keeping:

- Thank-you to parents who have already sent 2 boxes of tissues for the year.
- Due to the extremely warm weather we encourage all students to bring a labelled refillable water bottle to school. No sticky drinks will be allowed in the classroom.
- Requests – supermarket or store catalogues to be used for Numeracy activities.
- Purchase a Green Take Home Book Bag from the office if your child does not have one.

Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

Grade 1-2 Teachers