

June 7, 2019

Dear Future First Grade Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Grade One. I realize that the anticipation of moving from Kindergarten to Grade One could create some questions and concerns for you and your child. I thought a letter to let you know of our daily routine, schedule, etc., might help to make this a smooth and enjoyable transition.

Our weekly schedule of "Specials" include Art, Music, Spanish, Library, and Gym (children wear Gym Uniforms). These subjects are taught weekly. Computer class is taught every other week. This year's specials were as follows:

Music– Monday

Spanish – Tuesday

Computer – Tuesday (every other week)

Library – Wednesday

Art - Wednesday

Physical Education - Thursday

I will let you know in September if these "Specials" will change; This schedule tends to change from year to year.

I do try to keep our daily routine as predictable as possible. We start our day with a Language Arts Block. This includes Spelling, Phonics, and Reading. Math is also done daily. The time for math does vary depending on the time of our "Special" for a given day. The rest of our day is spent on

Religion, Penmanship, Social Studies, Science, and Creative Writing. We have a very busy and exciting day. I do encourage a very good night's sleep. Many children will be tired as they adjust from Kindergarten to First Grade. With proper rest and care they will soon settle in nicely.

We have a 15 minute snack and recess break each morning. This is usually between 10:00 and 10:15. I encourage a small, healthy snack and juice or water. I will try to take them outside for morning recess each day – weather permitting. The children have their recess and lunch from 12:15 – 1:00.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year with you and your child. First Grade is a wonderful time. Children are full of wonder and very eager to learn. Together I'm sure we will create a comfortable and secure environment in which your child will be happy and content. Please remember to read with your child daily.

I wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Evelyn M. Pike
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GRADE ONE RECOMMENDED SUMMER PROGRAM



It is highly recommended that children entering Grade One in the fall work in the book *Summer Bridges Activities* for children bridging grades K to 1. This is a workbook that comes highly recommended to us and includes reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and fitness. **It is a way for our students to stay current in all academic areas. I would ask that parents work with their children and if there is material in which your child finds too difficult, not to worry – just leave those pages. It is not intended that the entire workbook be completed. Just work at a pace that is comfortable for you and your child.**

This workbook can be purchased at Barnes and Noble.

The cost is \$10.00 plus \$3.99 shipping and handling for a total of \$13.99

It is also available through Amazon.

Please bring the workbook back to school in the fall. I hope you and your child enjoy this time working together.

I have also enclosed a list of authors and books that you might find enjoyable.

As part of the first grade language arts and math curriculum, the children create a paper quilt each month. They make one written piece and one pattern piece for the quilt. I am asking that each child make a written piece for our September quilt. They can draw a self portrait and two “bubble” pictures that depict qualities, interests, or likes particular to them. Children can add material, yarn, or other materials to make their self portrait more interesting. I have enclosed the quilt piece. There is a line for your child to write their name. They will then tell us about their quilt piece as we put our quilt together in the fall.

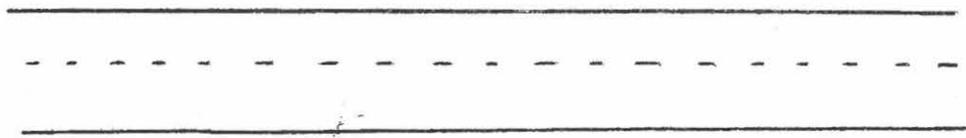
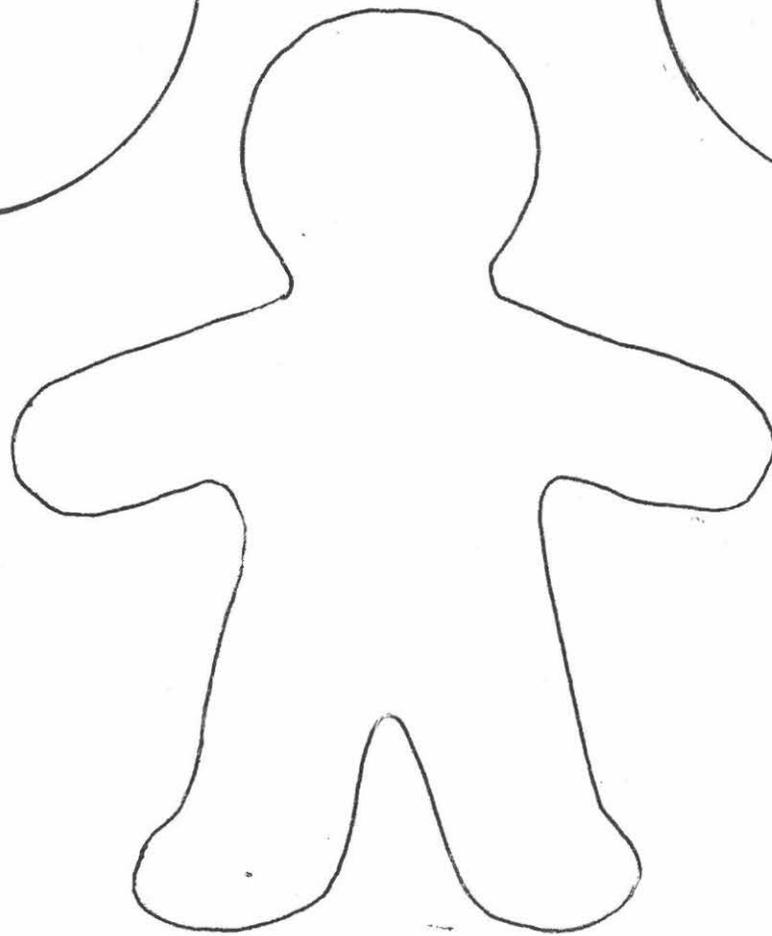
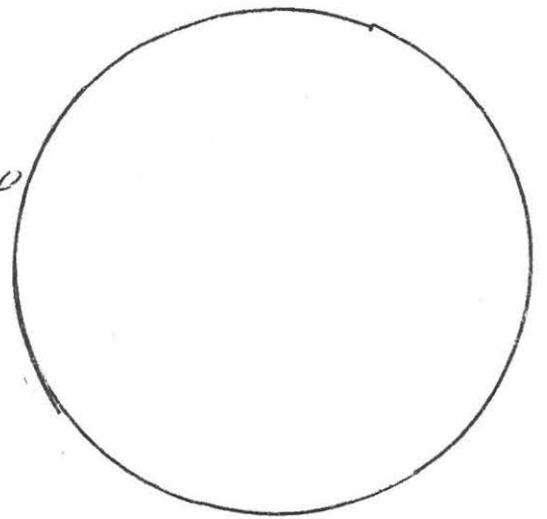
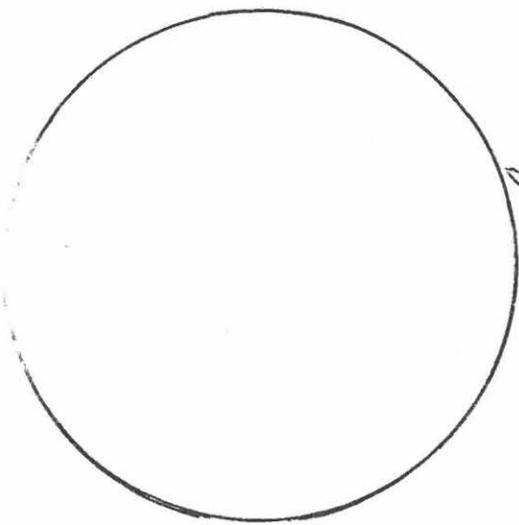
Students will receive a certificate award for completing their summer work.

Enjoy your children!

Have a wonderful summer!

Grade One

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Suggested Book/Author List

Asch	Moon Bear, Moon Dance
Adler	Cam Jansen series
Bourgeois	Franklin series
Bridwell	Clifford Series
Brown	Authur series
Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
DePaola	Strega Nona
Freeman	Corduroy
Keats	Snowy Day
Lionni	Swimmy
Lobel	Frog and Toad series
Margin	Brown Bear
Mayer	Little Critters series
McPhail	Pig Series
Laura Numeroff	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
Rey	Curious George series
Pfister	Rainbow Fish
Dr. Seuss	Any
Sendak	Where the Wild Things Are
Slobodkina	Caps for Sale

Additionally, you may choose any of the titles from the following Easy Reader Series:

I CAN READ

Hello Reader!

Step Into Reading

All Aboard Reading

Please note: This list includes suggestions for reading. You may choose other books appropriate to your child's age and/or reading ability.