

Welcome to Grade One !!



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Dear Grade One Parents/Guardians,

My name is Lesley Malo, your child's Grade One teacher. I am looking forward to teaching your child this year.

Grade One is a special year! We will be emphasizing some basic skills for life-long learning. The following categories will be our priorities:

1. Social Skills: how to respect and get along with one another, manners, learning about the world around us, and having FUN!
2. Academic Skills: communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening), the primary goal is to have students reading and writing independently by the end of the year. Critical thinking skills: (Math, Science, and Social Studies). *Some Topics Covered:* · I Belong· My Environment· Characteristics of Living Things· Five Senses.

I ask the students not to bring any toys or games from home, especially **no electronic games**. There will be Show and Tell days, and special toy days throughout the year.

Your child will bring a book bag home. Please check it daily, we will be using it for Home/School communication as well as Home Reading.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the school at 204-257-0027 ext 101.

You may also contact me via e-mail: lmalo@ctkschool.ca

Please be sure to contact the office as well if you are reporting information regarding an appointment, pick up, late, or absent student.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lesley Malo

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School Day Summary

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Students arrive at the back doors, entry to the classroom at 8:45(bell). PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME.

8:50: Prayer/Attendance

10:05 Snack (please remember NUT FREE)

10:15-10:30 Recess

11:50-12:15 Lunch (in the classroom)

12:15-12:35 Lunch Recess (K-3)

1:45- 1:55 SNACK

1:55-2:10 Recess

3:25 dismissal

Hand washing:

All students will wash their hands with soap and water.

-before snack and lunch.

-as they enter the school in the morning.

-after using the washroom.

Hand sanitizer: Hand sanitizer is available in the classroom. Please remind your child: **No sharing of personal hand sanitizer.**

Grade one Information and Expectations

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a filled reusable water bottle (**labelled with his/her name**) to school daily.

Show and Tell

Part of ELA is public speaking and presentations. Show and Tell fosters these developments. There will be several Show and Tell topics throughout the school year. Each student will also have a turn being student of the week to show/tell the class about him/herself, and share a favourite toy or book. More information will be provided when we begin Show and Tell/Star of the Week.

Class Parties

Birthdays If your child would like to bring Birthday treats to share with the class. Please send **NUT FREE AND EGG FREE** due to allergies in our class individually wrapped items. Some examples are rice krispie treats, juice boxes, individual chips, bear paw cookies. Each student's Birthday will be "celebrated" with a special story, blessings and a Birthday song.

More information regarding other celebrations throughout the year will be sent home.

Birthday Invitations

Please NO birthday invitations to school, as it can be difficult for children this age to understand that it is not possible to invite everyone from the class. If you do send invites to school, please give them to Mrs. Malo to be given discretely.

Attendance

Parents are asked to contact the school by phone, and send a dated/signed note if your child is going to be picked up by someone other than yourself (Grandma, Auntie), or if your child has an appointment. Please check in with the office when picking up for an appointment and returning to school from appointments.

Medical

Please inform me immediately if your child has any allergies or health concerns, please remember to also complete forms with information regarding these concerns.

Shoes

Please ensure your child has an INDOOR pair of shoes (**Gym use: Velcro/non marking soles**). Students are expected to remove outdoor shoes after entering class.

Physical Education

Grade One students will not change for Gym.

Classroom Rules/Expectations

Please review and reinforce our classroom rules with your child:

1. Be kind and polite to others.
2. Be Safe. (Use walking feet, Hands and feet to yourself.)
3. Listen to directions, the first time.
4. Take care of school and classroom belongings.
5. Always do your BEST!

Lunchtime rules

1. Wash hands before eating.
2. Eat your own lunch (do not share with others).
3. Cutlery and straws should be packed in your child's lunch kit.
4. Inside voices at all times.
5. Stay seated until Duty Teacher asks you to clean up.
6. **Please note there is no microwave available**, you may use a thermos.

HOT DOG DAYS

Information will be sent by email and on the school website.

Munch a Lunch

Please check the school calendar for special “HOT LUNCH” dates.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/christtheking/>

Home/School Communication

End of Day/PICK UP: You will find HOME/BUS/AFTERSCHOOL card(s) in your child's communication bag. Please put the card indicating where your child will go at the end of the day in his/her communication bag each day. I also recommend that you communicate your end of day plan with your child. **If there is a change in plans please inform your child, contact the office and me.**

Your child's home/school communication bag will go home every day. PLEASE RETURN IT. Any notes to parents from school will be in your child's communication bag. Please also put notes to school or myself in your child's home/school communication bag.

HOME WORK

In the first week of school, your child will learn how to use Seesaw (learning platform). I will also send Home login information. There will be a home assignment on **Seesaw** each week I will email to notify parents once this begins.

Home Reading: I encourage you to enjoy books with your child each day. There is an online program called Raz-Kids that you will be able to access with your child. The information about how to log on to the program will be coming home soon. When you use the Raz-Kids online reading program, you are always able to access suitable books for your child. I will also be able to check on your child's progress. Of course, your child may choose to read a book outside of Raz-Kids as well. Feel free to access books from the public library or use your own "at home library". More information regarding our Home Reading program will be coming soon.

Sight Words: We will be practicing the sight words together as a class to begin with. I will send a list of words along with the Home Reading for your child to focus on near the end of this month.

Homework continued

Spelling tests: Spelling will begin at the end of October. More information will be sent home in October.

Projects and Show and Tell: Information will be sent home with your child and by email in advance of the due date.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning. I hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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