

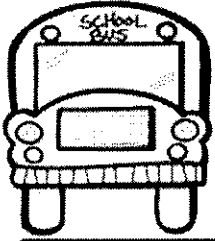
# SEPTEMBER



Great effort springs naturally  
from a great attitude. -Pat Riley

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 First day of school! Teachers ride on transfer bus	4	5	6	7
8	9 Library	10 Magic milk colour experiment 1:30	11	12	13 Scholastic orders due	14
15	16 Library	17 Fall walk and leaf collecting 1:30	18	19 Grandparents Day - PM	20 No school PD day	21
22 Happy Birthday Oliver	23 First day of Fall	24 Play-do making and colour mixing 1:30 Library	25 Terry Fox run 1:45-2:45	26	27 Reader's Theatre performance 2:30	28
29	30 Orange shirt day September assembly @ 1:45	Notes: Author of the month: David Shannon Themes: Fall, colours, belonging School wide events highlighted in blue				

# Mrs. Whalen's Classroom Connection!



## Welcome

We are off to a great start! Grade one is such an exciting year filled with big learning and lots of fun! If you have a message for me please write it in your child's agenda or send me an email at

[cristy.whelen@wrsd.ca](mailto:cristy.whelen@wrsd.ca)

I would also be happy to meet with you after school, just let me know what day works best for you.

Agendas:

You will notice that your child wrote their first message in their agenda today. Each day there will be a new message. Please initial beside the message. On days that we don't have new information to write we will practice writing our sight words or complete a math problem in the message area so that there is always something new.

## Topics in September

Language arts: Letter sounds, rhyming, beginning sight words, blending and segmenting words, responding to literature through our author study of David Shannon. Math: Recognizing and representing numbers to 20. Copying, extending, and creating patterns in a variety of ways.

Science: Study of the season of Fall. Creating colour unit. Identify colours in our world, compare colours, identify primary colours, create secondary colours, understand transparent/opaque, and extract colour from one material and apply to another.

Social studies: What makes me unique. Groups that I belong to in my community. We will also begin writing to our social studies pen pals!



## Shared experiences in September:

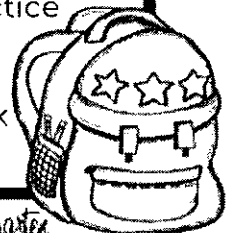
Sept. 10-Magic milk colour experiment. Through this experiment we will begin to learn about colour mixing and primary and secondary colours.

Sept. 17-Fall walk and leaf collecting. We will go for a walk to look for signs of Fall. We will also collect leaves along the way to complete a leaf patterning activity.

Sept. 24-Play-do making. We will follow a recipe to make play-do and practice our colour mixing to make the colour we would like.

\*Please let me know if you can help with any of these activities

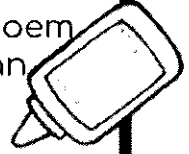
\*Volunteers will need a criminal record check and child welfare check



# Classroom Connection!

## Home reading:

We will begin our home reading program in the second week of school. A book at your child's current reading level as well as a reading log will come home each night in a clear ziploc bag. Please listen to your child read the book, initial the reading log, and send both back in the ziploc bag each day. You will also see an orange duotang with our weekly poem and song. Having your child read the poem and song each night is an excellent way to build their reading fluency.



## Letter sounds:

We will be following a letter sound program called 'Animated Literacy'.

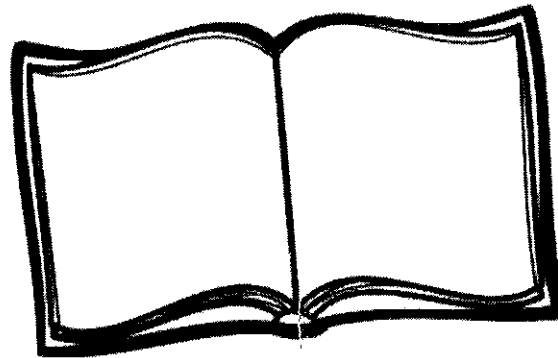
The focus of this program is to have students creating words with the letter sounds they have learned as quickly as possible. This helps to create relevance for why we are learning these sounds. As such, letters are not introduced in alphabetical order. In September we will be studying the following letters (and one letter combination-ar):  
p, u, o, m, x, a, d, t, s, r, h, ar, j, k, f, b, g, c.

## Sight words:

Sight words are the words found most commonly when reading in English. Each week we will focus on five new sight words. Our goal is to read these words quickly and accurately. I have included the words that we will cover in September as well as labelled the week we will cover them in.

## Reader's Theatre:

We will host our first reader's theatre performance on September 27th at 2:30. Families are welcome to attend.



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