



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade one!! We are looking forward to teaching your child and we are really excited about getting to know each and every one! Each month throughout the school year, we will be sending a newsletter that lets you know the "happenings" in Grade one. Future letters will be shorter!

The school theme this year is an adaptation of **Genesis 12:2: "Blessed by God to be a blessing."** We look forward to unfolding this with your child over the school year.

Grade One Team

We are thrilled about our team this year. You will find Mrs. Ermter, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Pagenkopf & Mrs. Dykstra all in the Div I hallway. We also welcome Mrs. Johnson who is helping out with teaching in various areas. If you have any questions, be sure to ask a teacher in the Grade One Team!

Dates to remember

September:

19th School/Grade 1 Photo Day
21st Hike Day (See page 2 for more information)
26th Field Trip to Edworthy Park
(See Page 2 for more information)

October:

8th Thanksgiving Day, no school
9th PD Day, no school
11th Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
16th - Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
18-19th PCCE Teacher's Convention, no school

Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, we would **love** to have you. You would be helping with a variety of tasks, from working with students to material preparation. Please sign up on the [signup.genius](#) website with your preferred date and time. We also will always need parents for field trips, skating days, sports day and our year-end hike! If posted times don't work with your schedule, please connect with your child's teacher to make other arrangements.

School policy requires that all parents have a **Police Check** form on file in our office if they will be with children. Details are on the school website: click [here](#) for all the info you need!

Scholastic Book Order

Scholastic offers monthly book sales and you are welcome to order. If you prefer not to receive these monthly flyers, please let us know. Please send **cheques (no cash, please)** payable to "Scholastic Canada Ltd." You may also pay online by searching for "Grace Ermter" at <https://parentpay.scholastic.ca/pay>. The order due date this month is Friday, September 14, 2018.

Pizza and Hot Dog Lunches

Thanks to our dedicated parent volunteers, we will again be able to enjoy special lunches on Wednesdays. Stay tuned to the CCS [Website](#) for information on dates and ordering. If you are able to help out with this much appreciated program, please contact the office.

Community Hike

On Friday, September 21, Calgary Christian Elementary will be hosting a neighbourhood walk that will incorporate community building and creation enjoying. The money raised will be for Artist in Residency programming as well as music and art supplies for Calgary Christian Elementary School. We also want to help the students of Belize “Learn, to Shape God's World” by donating 10% to Roaring Creek Nazarene School in Belize. Our school has partnered with this school for several years.

Check the [Sign-Up Genius](#) for volunteering opportunities. If the slots are full and you are interested in walking with your child's class, please e-mail your child's teacher. (We welcome all who can walk with us!)

Please remember to dress for the weather. Layers will probably be appropriate. Wear sunscreen and take extra water!

Fundraising information is coming home today. Please see tax receipt information on the envelope. Thanks for your support!



It's already time for our first GRADE ONE

F I E L D T R I P !

On Wednesday, September 26, we will be exploring Edworthy Park, searching for signs of FALL. You are very welcome to join us, sign up on [Sign Up Genius](#). (please note that only parents with current police checks, or checks in progress, may volunteer for this field trip. Please also ensure you have stopped at the office to sign the confidentiality form for this year). We will leave the school first thing in the morning, and return around 11:45am.

Curriculum and learning information for the beginning of Grade One.

Here's where we start – and a little bit about where we
are heading in the days and weeks ahead.

Language Arts

- Initial consonants, vowel sounds, sight words. You *MAY* receive word cards to practice with your child.
- Letter printing - emphasis on lower case, concentrating on direction - top to bottom, left to right
- Enjoyment of literature!! Predictable books, alphabet and number books
- Writing with sentence starters/frames
- Writing using invented spellings

Math

- Reciting/counting numbers: forward/backward
- Free exploration with manipulatives
- Recognizing quantity without counting
- Recognizing numerals to 12 and number words to ten; printing numerals
- Learning left/right directions
- Introduction to calendar; days, months, etc.
- 1:1 correspondence to 12

Social Studies

We will begin with a unit entitled "Belonging in God's World." A big part of our Social Studies curriculum includes the concept of community (a huge value at CCS). It will be wonderful to examine how we are part of various communities and what we can contribute to each other by being part of various groups.

Science

Our focus will be on "Fall", but not until the last week of September. Fall begins **September 22!** We will explore the changes that happen to and in plants, weather, animals, and people. As we look at these changes as a gift from God, we will also discover that he has an amazing plan for our world and that's why we have seasons. We are blessed to have Edworthy Park close to CCS where we will be able to explore the "changing seasons" on Wednesday, September 26th. Our own school gardens will be a wonderful resource as well.

Bible

We are beginning our exploration of God's story. As we focus on the stories of the Bible, we want to continually integrate them with conversations about our relationship with Jesus. In response to His love, His greatest treasure for us, we want to become a loving community that brings and sets examples for each other daily. We want to walk with Jesus and change to be like him!

Memory Words for September:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth. God saw all that He had made and it was very good." Genesis 1:1 and 31

Physical Education

Students will enjoy P.E. three times each week. Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes (non-marking) so our shiny gym floor will remain streak free! Also if your child has lace-up shoes please continue to work at home on learning to be independent in tying them up!

Teaching for Transformation:

The BIBLICAL THROUGH LINES help us all, teachers and students, to understand what our roles are, what our calling is. These characteristics weave through the Bible, and describe a calling to "be", not simply to "do". And what does God call us to "be?" He calls us to be Servant-Workers, to be Justice-Seekers, to be Earth-Keepers, to be Community-Builders. He calls us to be Creation-Enjoyers, Idolatry-Discerners, Order-Discoverers, Beauty-Creators. And in all of these He calls us to be God-Worshippers and Image-Reflectors.

We call these "Biblical Throughlines," and describing our roles or calling in these terms helps us understand who God wants us to be and what He wants us to do. They describe, exactly and profoundly, what students (and teachers) should "be" as a result of Christian schooling. - TFT Handbook



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