**INFO – October**

**1La, 1Lu, 1D, 1P & 1S**

**October 2015**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 9: Thanksgiving Celebration 9:30 gym

October 12: **No School- Thanksgiving**

October 5 to October 9: Colour Week, Details Inside

October 23: PD Day, no school

October 31: Dance a Thon and Halloween Party, Afternoon Only

November 6: Picture Retakes Day

November 9 & 10 : Parent Teacher Interviews (6:00-9:00pm) AND Scholastic Book fair

November 11: Rememberance Day-No School

November 12 &13: In Lieu Day-No School

**District Religious Theme**

Through God, all things are possible.

Grâce à Dieu, tout est possible.

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TOPICS AT A GLANCE

**Français:**

 Vocabulary: L’automne (fall), l’action de grâces (Thanksgiving) et l’halloween,

 Reading: La roue and short texts relating to the above themes

**At Home**: Ask your child the 3 ways to read a book (description provided below in the newsletter, have your child practice printing their letters knowing that capitals do not go in the middle of words, let your child play teacher and have the parent complete the homework sheet (They love correcting mispronounced words!)

**Mathematics:**

Numeration to 10

 Addition to 5

 Patterning

**At home:** What are patterns that you see in nature? Can you create patterns with household items? Review the numbers 1-10 in French, practice adding items in your home i.e. Mom has 2 cookies and Dad has 2 cookies, how many cookies are there? Sally has 1 fork, Tommy has 4 forks. How many forks?

**Social Studies:**

My Universe: My home, My School & My Community and belonging to these communities

**At home**: What are groups that you belonged to as a child? What are groups that your family belongs to that are special to your family?

**Science:**

Creating Colour and Seasonal Changes (autumn)

**At home:** Discuss the changes that you are seeing outside with your child? Have they noticed birds migrating south, squirrels gathering nuts, leaves changing colors? Look at the different leaves that have fallen from the trees.

Make your own paint colors or playdough colors by mixing the primary colors together.

**Religion:**

We have discussed what it means to be a family at school, at home and in Church. This month we will be looking into who is Jesus, that God made us as and the Creation story.

**At home:** Invite your child to lead in prayer at meal times, review the sign of the cross, who do you consider a member of your family? Are they actually related to you?

**Health:**

 Fire Safety, Safety at Home and in the Community.

**At home:** Have a fire escape plan established for your house. Where will you meet outside? Who do you call when there is a fire and what is your address?

 **Art:**

Activities relating to Fall, Thanksgiving, Halloween and color

**Music:**

 Theme related songs.

**Computers:**

Log on and log off, proper behaviour with the laptops.

 **Physical Education:**

 Indoor games

 \*\* Please make sure your child has proper gym footwear\*\*

**Library:**

Library days are Day 1 (1Dar, 1L), Day 2 (1S) and Day 6 (1Lu). Books are due on this day. We will remind the students in their agendas as well.

LOOKING BACK AT OUR SUCCESSES

**Terry Fox Run**

Our classes took part in a very successful Terry Fox Run, Tuesday September 24th. The children seemed to embrace the story of Terry Fox and run with spirit. Congratulations runners! Thank you to all families for support of this activity. The final tally for Cancer research has not yet been done. Merci to all the parents who ran with our classes or cheered from the sidelines. It was greatly appreciated.

**Grade One Literacy Focus:**

Each of our classes has been involved with introducing the structure of Daily 5. Madame Meadows has been coming into each of our classes (twice every six days) to support the teachers with working with small groups of students to meet their literacy needs. Our students have learned 3 ways to read a book (reading the pictures, reading known words, or retelling a story). We are also working on building stamina with reading independently. We look forward to the students reading with a partner as well as listening to some Robert Munsch stories in a listening center. We are VERY proud of our students hardwork on learning these strategies already and can’t wait to introduce them to learning to work with words.

**Homework Reminder**

Please be sure to **sign and return** the form daily. Practice does make perfect.☺

**Hard Work**

We are so proud of our classes. Each child has been working hard, concentrating, trying to listen and completing assignments. Parents, continue encouraging your child and acknowledging their hard work!!!

###### COMMUNICATION

 **Agendas-** Thank you for signing the agenda daily.

**Monday Early Dismissal**

Just a reminder that every Monday, your child will be dismissed at **2:09pm**. Please ensure that your child is picked up at this time.

**Website:** We have created a grade 1 Camille website that includes our orientation night powerpoint, helpful websites and apps, commonly asked questions as well as a calendar that breaks down when your child has library and special grade 1 events.

 **http://grade1camille.weebly.com/**

**Special After School Arrangements**

Parents, if you usually pick up your child after school, but are unable to on a given day, and send a friend or relative instead, please let us know ahead of time, in the agenda. We realize that this is not always possible. However, please understand that for the security of your child, we will need to contact you by phone for permission to release your child to the friend or relative, if you have not given us a note!

**Closed Campus**

Parents, also note that if you pick your child up early (appointments, sickness and so on), you must go to the office and **sign out** with your child.

**School Supplies**

If you haven’t already sent the **school supplies** with your child, please do so as soon as possible. We will keep all extra supplies and hand them out as the students need them.

**Change of Clothes**

We highly recommend that each student keep an extra change of clothing in their lockers (just in case). Students must have a pair of gym shoes, which are to be kept at school and are also to be used as their “indoor shoes”.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**Colour Week:** We have begun our Science unit “Creating Colour”. As part of this unit, we have designated the week of October 5-9 as our **“Colour Week”**.

 **Colour Week**

**Monday, Oct. 5, RED DAY!! Wear something red! Bring a red snack for recess!!**

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, ORANGE DAY!! Wear something orange! Bring a orange snack for recess!!**

**Wednesday, Oct. 7, BLUE DAY!! Wear something blue! Bring a blue snack for recess!!**

**Thursday, Oct. 8, GREEN DAY!! Wear something green! Bring a green snack for recess – nothing mouldy!**

**Friday, Oct. 9, RAINBOW DAY!! Wear the most colourful clothes you have! Bring a colourful snack for recess!!**

**Club de Lecture French Book Orders** and SCHOLASTIC will be distributed monthly. If you wish to order a book, please fill out the order form and send a **cheque** payable to Scholastic. **No cash please**. A HUGE merci to Mme Patton for voluenteering to organize and distribute our Scholastic orders. Book orders are due by October 7th.

\*\*\* Reminder you can now use a credit card to pay for your Scholastic orders.

Search: Alberta—Ecole Camille J Lerouge—Grade 1---Ann Marie Lussier.

**Show and Tell (Montre et Raconte)** We have Show and Tell ***only one week per month.***Your child can bring in an object from home on his/her day. It is best not to bring fragile or costly items to school in case they get broken or lost. Our format is one of question & answer followed by a guess from peers. Your child should be prepared to answer questions about shape, color, where he/she keeps the items, etc… Please practice with your child prior to their show & tell day. If Madame runs out of time (as this happens on occasion), Madame will allow your child to **present the very next school day**. **The theme for October is belonging. Please bring something to show you belong to a group, team, church, school, etc.** Some ideas may include, but are not limited to: a jersey, team medal, dance shoes, pictures of a recital, etc. Here is the schedule:

**Show and Tell Schedule (October 21-25)**

Monday (lundi) : Claire, Chloe, Evyn, Solomon

Tuesday (mardi): Dallon, Chauncey, Summer, Marley, Molly

Wednesday (mercredi) : Christian, Algerlyn, Rares, Jan, Maya

Thursday (jeudi): Nora, Hudson, Leigham, Antonio, Sierra

Friday (vendredi) : Leah, Isabelle, Kayla

**Halloween Party**

We will be having a Halloween party in the class during the last block on the afternoon of October 31. We will be doing centres/games immediately following lunch recess. Volunteers are welcome. Let your homeroom teacher know if you can lend a hand. ***Please remember you are required to have a current criminal record check on file with the office to volunteer for centers.***

 **If you wish to provide a snack for this event, please sign the attached sheet and return it as soon as possible.**

We treat Halloween as a North American custom. It is not a religious feast and should not be confused with All Saints Day. Just a reminder that we are asking parents to be tasteful in selecting Halloween costumes for the afternoon activities. We discourage any costumes that promote violence or hate and would encourage students to consider dressing in positive, spiritual costumes. Any/all activities will take place during the afternoon.

**Your child may change into costumes during afternoon recess break only (2:05pm)**. Students will go home in their costume on the 31st as there is insufficient time to change out of them.

**Class Phone List**

I have sent home a copy of our class phone list which can be used for planning birthdays and play dates. Please email me if you didn’t receive a copy and I can email you back a copy.

**Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to help out in the classroom, your help would be greatly appreciated.

We can always use help first thing in the morning until recess. We have set up calendars outside the class doors. Simply sign in when you can help, or write a note in your child’s agenda.

May God bless you all!

*Mme Nicole Labrecque, Mme Ann-Marie Lussier, Mme Nathalie Djantouo, Mme Monique Pelletier and Mme Shannon Saringo*

***HALLOWEEN PARTY SNACKS***

* Vegetables (3 people)

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* Cheese and Crackers (3 people)

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* Fruit (2 people)

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* Juice (1 person) \*\* A case of juice boxes

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Thank you so much for your contribution to our class party. As we are going to be studying healthy eating in Health, we have limited the sugar consumption. If you could fill out what you would like to supply on the appropriate line we will be sure to get back to you. We have 23 students in our class so please make certain that there will be enough for each student. Thank you again.