

September 2019

Welcome to Parent's Night!

Mrs. Davan- 1B

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to your child's classroom and thank you for coming. This is a great chance for me to communicate goals, expectations, policies, and routines for the school year. We will briefly touch upon some important issues tonight. If you feel it necessary to speak with me at any time privately about anything that concerns you, feel free to drop me a note or send an email and we will set up an appointment promptly. We are off to an exciting school year! Your child will grow so much here in grade one and you will be amazed at the changes you will see as the weeks and months go by. I look forward to being your partner in your child's education this year!

General Notes:

- 1. My e-mail address: tdavan@stfrancisschoolbh.net. Please e-mail me or drop me a note if you need to see me for any reason and I will promptly respond. I am available most mornings and afternoons and I will be happy to meet with you for any reason.**
- 2. Absences: Please send in an absence note on the day your child returns to school stating the REASON your child was absent. If no note is received or reason given, the absence is marked as illegal.**
- 3. Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in the classroom, please let me know a few days in advance. Keep in mind that we are a peanut-free school. Whatever your child is bringing in, please drop it off at the security desk in the morning when you drop your child off, and I will bring it up to the classroom. We have 19 students in the class.**
- 4. Homework: It is expected that your child does their homework each night and only the homework for that night. Please have your child do their best work and set an expectation of time and effort being put into it. If certain writing work is done at home, (i.e. writing assignments, book reports, etc. that will occasionally be assigned), it is expected that the spelling, punctuation, and grammar are correct. Please do not do your child's work for them of course, but guide them and encourage them to do their very best and be proud of their efforts.**
*****Reading Logs: A copy of a reading log is enclosed in this packet. READING NIGHTLY IS A MUST!. We ask that you read with your child each night for 10-15 minutes and record it on the log. When both sides of the log are complete have your child bring it to school where I will record it and give them another one. It is truly essential that you do this with your child to improve word attack skills, fluency, and comprehension aside from what we are also doing in class. Talk to your child about what they are reading and ask them questions. It is fine to also read to your child for some of that time in conjunction with them reading to you(this also improves listening and comprehension**

skills). Reading and phonics are the most important part of first grade and it will give your child much more of an advantage if you are working with them at home as well. Further information will follow regarding expected timelines for the completion of logs, as handing them in regularly and on time is an integral part of our reading program. Lack of participation in nightly reading will affect your child's reading grade.

5. Tests: We will begin giving the students tests in a few weeks. Typically, there will be a test at the end of a chapter or topic in math, religion, social studies, grammar, phonics (Foundations), and science. We will give plenty of advance notice for a test, we will send home the book needed, and we often send home a practice test so you can see what the format will be. The test directions and questions are read to the students until at least the early spring, and we explain what to do many times during the course of the test. MAKEUP TESTS: It is expected that your child be prepared to make up any test he/she has missed due to illness or vacation upon the day they return to school.

6. Vacations/Leaving School Early: If you find it necessary to take your child out of school for a vacation, we do ask that you keep those days to a minimum if at all possible. I cannot give out classwork and homework any earlier than I normally would, but if you would like your child to bring home books, please write a note telling me when they will be out and I will be sure to send those books home. The homework will be online each Monday. Any classwork or assignments missed will be given to your child upon their return. If you need to take your child out of school early for a doctor's appt., etc, (also if possible) I ask that you take your child out at lunchtime. I ask this because each time a student has to leave early at any other time, we all have to stop what we are doing so I can help your child pack up and be sure they have the books they need and get them down to the office. This is a disruption to the class. I certainly understand that there are times when this cannot be avoided, but I do ask for your cooperation with this.

7. Dropping Items Off at the SecurityDesk: I have already mentioned that it is not necessary to drop items off at school that your child may

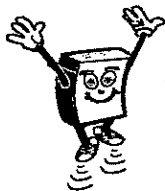
have left at home. I know that mornings are hectic for us all and lunch boxes can often be left at home or in the car. If this happens, please drop it off at the security desk and I will make sure your child goes down to get it at snack time (and I do keep snacks in the classroom). If your child forgets a book or an assignment, it is not a problem and they can bring it in the next day. We have supplies for all the children in the class so each student will be given whatever they need. Our security guards should not be leaving their posts to drop off unnecessary items to the classrooms.

THANK YOU!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reading Log

BOOKTITLE	AUTHOR	# OF PAGES

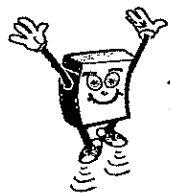


I can read! I will succeed!

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ELA Grade 1 Breakdown

45% Assessments:

Wit and Wisdom End of Module Tasks , Foundations Unit Exams, Wit and Wisdom New Read Assessments

35 % Quizzes

Vocabulary Quiz, Spelling Quiz, Wit and Wisdom Focusing Question Task, any extra teacher-made quizzes (grammar, comprehension, etc,)

15%-Classwork:

Response Journals, Effort, teamwork, participation in all classroom tasks

5%-HW:

Response Journals, Completion of assignments and Reading Log