

# OCTOBER 2019

## Calgary Christian School Grade One Newsletter



We have already come to the end of our first month of school! We've managed to make it through a lot of firsts. We've gone on our **first** field trip. We've written on the **first** pages of our journals. We even had our **first** fire drill. Then there is all the repetition... practicing lining up, reading and re-reading words learned, washing hands and washing hands again (just to be safe!), putting shoes on and taking shoes off several times a day! It is great to be on this journey with your children. God is truly at work in each of our lives, challenging us to serve and love others as we use our gifts for Him all the while building community with each other!

### MEMORY VERSE:

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

(We also practice memory verses at school with the children)

**Home Reading!** Your child will soon begin our Home Reading program. Home Reading is the **ONLY** regular homework that happens at CCES in Grade One. It's incredibly important work. There's just no way that your child's teacher can read for 15 minutes every day with your child, so daily practice at home with an adult is critical for reading development.

**SIGHT WORD PRACTICE:** Some students have received sight word cards for practice. Thanks for spending time reading and reviewing the sight word cards that come home during the week. This is truly helpful and beneficial to your child. It quickly becomes evident when children and parents are putting in the practice time at home.

### Weather Reminder:

As the weather begins to change and we see the cooler temperatures becoming more frequent we would just like to remind you to send your children to school with outdoor gear that suits these changes. We go outside everyday and so having appropriate coats, mittens, hats, etc. is very IMPORTANT!

Thank you to all of those who have already volunteered to help out in various ways using Sign Up Genius. Generally times can be quite flexible. Speak to your child's teacher to customize your volunteer time. They may have special requests and it is great to keep checking the website for opportunities. Your help is definitely valued!

When you join your child's class at school or on a field trip, please be aware that any photos you take during the time with the children may not be posted on-line on a blog or social networking site. This is to comply with FOIP regulations. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on Thursday, Oct 10 (4-8pm) and Tuesday Oct 15 (4-7pm). Please watch for information coming home for further details.

# Important October dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pizza Day (pre-ordered only)
- 3<sup>re</sup> Student banking day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper
- 4<sup>th</sup> **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE**
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered only)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Chapel (8:50 am)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day, **no school**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Photo re-takes
- 16<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Booster Juice special lunch (pre-ordered)
- 23<sup>re</sup> Breaking Barriers Presentation
- 23<sup>re</sup> Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)
- 24-25<sup>th</sup> PCCE Teacher's Convention, **no school**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)



Grade three is excited to be doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive (non perishable, dry goods only) this fall as our community service project. The goods we collect, as a school, will go to the Food Pantry operated by Emmanuel Church next door. These items will then be distributed to families needing assistance in our neighbourhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly help shape God's world.

Please have your donation at the school by Friday, October 18.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles
- canned fruit, canned veggies
- tea, coffee, juices
- peanut butter, jam
- canned meats of any kind
- rice
- personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap)

Thank you again for your support in this work of love.

The Grade 3 Team

We are happy to  
welcome a new  
student to our Grade  
One community:  
Weni in 1B  
Welcome to CCSI

Growing with  
your children:  
Susan Bowen  
Caroline Schollaardt  
Liana Parschauer  
Grace Ernter