

August 29, 2024



Dear parent(s),

My name is Mrs. Jessica Haxby, and I will be your child's homeroom grade one teacher this year until Lisa Mol returns. At that time, she will be teaching your child Math and Language Arts in the morning, and I will be teaching the other subjects in the afternoon. We are looking forward to working with you and your child and trust that our partnership will be one that is glorifying to God as we get to know each other, and we will do all we can to share in your child's success.

Newsletters

Please note that this is the *ONLY* newsletter in a printed format that you will receive this year. Each month, the letter and calendar will be posted online for you to view on my webpage at www.sca1c.weebly.com/. The link to my website is also on the Take Home Folder that will come home and back to school each day.

School Theme

Each year our school has a theme. This year, our theme is "**The Lord is my Shepherd**" from Psalm 23. I am excited, as this is already a big component of our Bible Memory in Grade One!

Two VERY Important Evenings

Please plan to attend our **Meet the Teacher Night** on September 18th at 7:15pm and our **Parent Literacy Night** on September 24th at 7pm. Both of these events will be beneficial in being actively involved in your child's success. The information that you will receive at both of these events is crucial. These will be "adult only" evenings. More information to come closer to those dates.

Bible Memory



Each month the students will be memorizing a Bible verse, which will be a part of their Bible mark. The Bible Memory verses will be on your monthly newsletter. Students will recite their verse the last Thursday of the month. Please practice at home with them to ensure success in this area. Our verses for Grade One are all of Psalm 23 and John 3:16.

Sleep, Food and Drink

During the first few weeks we will be adjusting to grade one and establishing our routines for the year. Your child will probably be quite tired during this time as they adjust to full days, five days a week.



Please send a **nutritious snack** with your child every day to enjoy part way through the morning. If you use a Bento Box style lunch kit, **PLEASE ensure that the healthy morning snack is in some sort of separate container so that it's easy to grab.** I saw a lot of full lunches fall all over the floor as students were struggling to grab one snack out of it in the hallway last year!

Also, it is a great idea to send a **SMALL** sip-type water bottle that your child can have at his/her desk. Bottles that are tall and have screw tops tend to spill frequently. We will try to send water bottles home every day to be washed for safety/health reasons. Please label with your child's name.

Spelling Tests

Spelling tests will begin the week of September 9th. A master list will be given out at Meet the Teacher Night on September 18th at 7:15pm. (Spelling words for this month can be found on the 1C website or on the attached calendar.)

From September 9th to October 3rd, we will be reviewing all the words from Kindergarten and testing each Friday (or Thursday if there is no school on Friday). Then we will begin our new, Grade one words. More information will be given at the **VERY important Parent Literacy Night.** ;)

Read, Read, Read!!!

Please read to your child **every** night (or listen to them read if they are already able). This will make a huge difference as they learn to read because it will get them excited about books and about reading!



Scholastic Book Orders

You will also be receiving Scholastic book orders on a monthly basis. Please do not feel obligated to purchase these products, however we do receive free books and other educational materials for our classroom when any books are ordered. It worked very well last year to pay for books online by going to www.scholastic.ca and then clicking on Reading Club under Family. You will see a class code on the paper catalogue and you can enter that so that rewards are directed to the 1C account.

For the Fridge

Included with this newsletter you will find a sheet with very important information called "For the Fridge". Please stick this on your fridge or bulletin board and keep it handy as a reference! I cannot stress it enough how important this is! PLEASE commit to 5-10 minutes a month to read the newsletter and print the calendar page. I promise they won't all be this long!!

School Photos

Please look for a package coming home soon regarding school photos on September 10th. Last year's photos turned out very well and I know you will be pleased with the results...but just in case you aren't, there will be a Picture Retake day later. The photography company has set it up so that the individual pictures will be taken on September 10th, then the class photo will be taken on re-take day.



Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run is on September 20th. You may send a donation with your child on that day. Also, please wear your blue SCA Eagles t-shirt if you have one.

Chip Day

The school will be selling potato chips for \$1 on specified chip days throughout the year beginning in October. The profits from these sales go towards a missions project. You can prepay for all chip days for the year through our Healthy Hunger program. **More information will come on Meet the Teacher Night.**

If you prefer to pay in cash on the actual chip day, simply send in \$1 on the indicated Chip day if you would like your child to have chips and they will order them first thing in the morning and receive them at lunchtime.

Parent Helpers

I absolutely love to have parents come in and help out in the classroom. I will have a sign-up sheet at Meet the Teacher night. Once I know everybody's availability, I will begin scheduling names into each monthly calendar. (Please be sure to look at the calendar at the beginning of each month).

Contacting Me!



If you need to communicate with me, feel free to send a note, e-mail me or phone me at the school. My days are very busy with your children, and I ask for your grace, as I may need a day or two to respond. I will do my best to reply as quickly as possible.

Birthday Celebrations

Most children choose to bring in a birthday snack on their birthdays. If you would like to participate in this, please send your snacks along with your child in the morning and label your container(s) with your name on them.

Please refrain from sending whole cakes that require knives and plates and cutlery as this becomes difficult to accommodate. **All snacks MUST be nut free.** It would be best if you could send pre-packaged individual snacks, but cupcakes and other snacks will also work.

If your child has a dietary need, please come and talk to me or email me.



Whew!!! That was A LOT of information! Thank you for taking the time to read all of this!

I am looking forward to meeting you or seeing you again if we've already met! If you have any questions or concerns before Meet the Teacher night, please contact me at the school. I know that Grade One can seem daunting at first, but I am excited to begin this exciting journey with you and your family!

PLEASE KNOW...

I am excited to join with you in prayer as we work together, as a team, to help your child feel safe in these continued strange times. My goal is to help your child be the person God created them to be and absolutely thrive in grade one!

I am excited for this coming school year and the amazing memories that we will share together as we partner in the learning success of your child. Your grade one journey has begun!

For our Saviour,
Jessica Haxby
Lisa Mol