



September 9, 2011

Dear Grade One Families,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable first week. We have had a busy time in the classroom, getting to know each other and establishing routines that will stay with us throughout the year.

In Reader's Workshop we have been learning how to find books that are interesting by looking at the front and back cover. I have been sharing some of my favourite books with the class, and next week, each girl will have a chance to do the same thing. I am asking that each student look through their collection of books, and choose one of their favourite books to bring in to school on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the week, each girl will have a chance to share their book with the class and explain why they enjoy this book. Please make sure that your daughter's name is in the book. It will stay at school until next Friday.

In Writer's Workshop, students have learned that they have many wonderful stories from their own life to write about. To help them think of ideas, I am asking each student to create a collage of photographs that remind them of important things in their lives. This might include photographs of important family members, friends, pets and places. This collage will be stored in their Writing folder, and therefore must fit on the 8.5" by 11" piece of paper I am sending home. Please send this collage to school as soon as it is completed.

I am attaching a questionnaire to this letter that will help me get to know your daughter better. Please send it back to school in the Communication Folder by Friday.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Curriculum Evening on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. That evening, I will be explaining all the important classroom details, including curriculum and homework.

I am delighted to be working with you and your daughter this year.

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