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Dear parents,

We are excited to announce that we will be piloting a one-to-one iPod touch program in the Grade One class at Elmwood. The decision to launch this innovative program comes from hearing about the success of several leading-edge schools using the iPod touch and apps specifically designed for education to improve reading, fluency, and mathematics performance. From now until the end of the year, the Grade One students will be using the devices to support their understanding of the curriculum and enhance their learning experience.

The iPod touch can be used in many different ways, both to replace classroom tools, and more importantly, to create experiences that would otherwise not be possible. The integration of mobile technology into the classroom will help students to increase their I.C.T. literacy, as well as provide them with an even more engaging and exciting learning environment.

Some of the ways we plan on using the devices include:

- developing math concepts through games
- allowing students to record their reading and reflect on, and improve, their fluency
- listening to and reading along with online story books
- word processing
- individualized opportunities for practicing sight words and math facts

We look forward to learning through this experience and hope to share with you some of the exciting opportunities that the iPod touch brings to the Grade One classroom. We will be sending out an invitation soon for you to come see this and other exciting technology being used in our Grade One "*Classroom of the Future.*"

Sincerely,

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Grade One Teacher

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Technology Teacher