



# What We're Learning!

Hello Parents/Guardians!

Fall is upon us and we are busy creating lots of interesting writing and art experiences using the fall theme. This month we will continue to look at fall by exploring our natural environment and observing all the changes that happen. In science we are looking at the behavioural adaptations of animals in our local environment. We have started off the unit with a look at the mighty grizzly bear. This month we will continue to explore a variety of local animals that adapt to the harsh Yukon winters. We will also look at the patterns we see in the sky during this time of year.

This month we are starting up our Grade One Guided Reading program. From Monday to Thursday all grade one students will work in a small levelled group that will target key reading strategies. Ask your child about the reading strategies they are learning so that you can use them when doing Home Reading! We are continuing our review of the alphabet to practice phonemic and phonological awareness. When writing we are practicing correct letter formation.

In math we have completed our unit on patterns. In October we will be looking at number concepts to 20. Our goal is to develop a strong number sense; a good understanding of numbers and their relationship to each other. This is a very crucial step to setting a strong foundation for all future math experiences. We will be exploring numbers, visualizing them in a variety of ways, creating them in a variety of ways, and relating them to other numbers.

Our class will continue to work on roles, rights, and responsibilities this month. We are examining how this would look at home, at school, and in the community.

## October Events!

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct. 22-26 - SWAG Halloween Guessing Jar

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween (details to come!)

Thanks very much!

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