

## Homework Calendar October 2017

### Grades 1 to 3

**Homework-** 15 minutes per night. Please aim to work with your child 4 times a week. These homework activities can be adjusted to fit your schedule and can be complete on nights that work best for your family. You can challenge or support your child by adjusting the tasks as needed.

Homework Week of October 2 - 6	<b>Reading and Writing</b>	<p>You can read to your child or have your child read a familiar book to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read a book from the classroom or school library.</li> <li>• Review at grocery flyers together. Have your child write the list of things that you need to buy.</li> <li>• Write the date and time of appointments and activities on a family calendar (hard copy or on computer.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Dolch Words:</b> (sight words) Learn 5 new words and practice them throughout the week. Here is a link to the dolch words for preprimer to Grade 3. Please contact your teacher for guidance as to what words your child is working with. Every child's needs are specific to them. <a href="http://bit.ly/2yUNZTh">http://bit.ly/2yUNZTh</a> Write each one of your 5 words on index cards. Add the 5 word cards to your word ring. Practice them often to develop rapid recall.</p>
	<b>Math</b>	<p>Play "Go Fish" with a deck of cards. Variations to meet your child's needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making Pairs (determine the player who has the most and least number of pairs.)</li> <li>• "Making Tens" Go Fish (e.g., "Do you have a 7?" When the player has a 3 in their hand in order to make a sum of 10.) Use a larger sum, as your child gains confidence and skill.</li> </ul>
	<b>Special Events:</b>	<p>October 1 is National Seniors Day. Think of a senior that you know in your life. This person can be a relative, a babysitter, or a family friend. Think about how this person has helped you. Take some time to make a card, write a letter, or send an email to this senior to tell them why they are special to you.</p>
Homework Week of October 9 - 13	<b>Reading and Writing</b>	<p>Read with or to your child every night. Make a list of things you are thankful for.</p>
	<b>Math</b>	<p>Play a board game as a family such as Trouble, Snakes &amp; Ladders, Candy Land, etc.</p> <p>Questions to consider when playing the game:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does your child instantly recognize the dots on the die/dice or do they count each one?</li> <li>• When playing with more than one die, does your child count all of the dots? Recognize the value of one die and count on by 1s for the 2nd die? Instantly recognize the dots on the dice and add them?</li> </ul>
	<b>Special Events</b>	<p>Traditions and Celebrations. At this time of year, there are many different celebrations such as the Diwali Festival of Lights, Yom Kippur (the Jewish holiday), Fall Harvest Festival (an Indigenous tradition), and Thanksgiving (a national holiday in Canada). What celebration/tradition do you take part in? Why is it important to you?</p>

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Homework Week of October 16 - 20	<b>Reading and Writing</b>	Read with or to your child every night.
	<b>Math</b>	<b>Estimation and Counting Skills</b> Estimate how many lamps, doors, tables, windows, pillows, spoons, forks, chairs, etc. you have in your home. Count using tally marks to keep track. What did you have most of? Least of? Reflect on your estimate. Were you close? Think of other things that you could estimate (e.g., toys, food, colours of items in your house).
	<b>Supporting Exceptional Learners</b>	Does your child have a learning disability? Watch this video from the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario with your child. <a href="http://bit.ly/2xQO1eC">http://bit.ly/2xQO1eC</a> Talk about what makes learning easier at school. For example additional time, chunked instructions, assistive technology, etc.
	<b>Special Events:</b>	October 16 to 20 is Environmental Waste Reduction Week. Did you know that 91% of plastic is not recycled? The 3Rs are reduce, reuse and recycle. Did you know that there are 3 more Rs? They are rethink, repair and refuse. Visit <a href="https://practicalaction.org/6rs">https://practicalaction.org/6rs</a> and print off the activity sheet. Play the matching game with as a family to find out more about the 'new' Rs.
Homework Week of October 23 - 27	<b>Reading and Writing</b>	Read with or to your child every night. <b>Dolch Words:</b> Learn 5 words from the Dolch list that best suits your child's needs. Review the same 5 words all week. Write each one of the 5 words on index cards. Add the 5 word cards to your word ring. Have your child choose a word card and study the word. Put the card face down and write the word (or use magnetic letters). Then ask your child to check the model and make corrections if necessary. (*Contact your child's teacher for the list of appropriate words.)
	<b>Math</b>	Math Website to Explore: <a href="http://www.gregtangmath.com/games">www.gregtangmath.com/games</a> Ten Fame Mania game, Math Limbo or Num Tanga Junior Math Apps to Explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten Frame Mania (free) - by Big Hatch Inc.</li> <li>• Math Seeds - K (free), Grade 1 (\$4.99), Grade 2 (\$4.99) - By Blake eLearning</li> <li>• Ten Frame Fill (free)- By Classroom Focused Software</li> </ul>
	<b>Special Events</b>	There is a Winter Clothing Drive in Rainbow Schools until November 6. It is important that everyone is warm this winter. People in our community help each other. Some people need help to have warm clothes in the winter time. Click on this link to see the poster advertising the clothing drive: <a href="http://bit.ly/2ynsa1y">http://bit.ly/2ynsa1y</a> Think about what words and pictures are on the poster. Design your own poster for the clothing drive and share with your class at school.