



## Grade 1/2 Newsletter

"Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break."

### Curriculum Check

We'll be starting the New Year as follows:

Mathematics	starting Number sense (addition and subtraction problems)
Writing	self and peer revising of Persuasive pieces
Social Studies	finishing Responsibilities (Gr. 1) and Traditions (Gr. 2)

### Reading

Students should continue to bring home leveled books each night to read for 10 minutes. Students can also read "good fit" texts found at home or the library. Each night please initial where your child wrote the title of the book in his/her planner.

### From the Ministry of Education: Helping your child with reading and writing

As a parent, you are your child's most important role model. Here are some reading and writing activities that you can do with your child:

- Read recipes, food labels, schedules, maps, instructions, advertisements, flyers and brochures.
- Read traffic, store and restaurant signs.
- Read novels, newspapers, and/or magazines for enjoyment.
- Look up information in phone books, cookbooks, manuals, atlases and dictionaries.
- Write shopping lists, telephone messages, reminder notes, and labels.
- Write the date and time of appointments and activities on a family calendar.
- Read and write greeting cards, letters and e-mail messages.

Take the time to show your child that reading and writing are used in many ways every day. Make sure your child sees you reading and writing for your own purposes. Also, as you do reading and writing activities with your child, introduce new words and phrases to him or her.

### Math Homework

The five math strands are studied during separate blocks of the year which can lead to months between using key concepts. To bridge this gap, visit the Nelson Web site at [www.mathK8.nelson.com](http://www.mathK8.nelson.com) and review the following taught concepts: Chapter 1: Patterns, Chapter 2: Number sense, Chapter 3: Data Management and Chapter 5: Measurement. Check the web site for links to other Web sites that provide online tutorials, math problems and brainteasers. There are also suggestions to help your child learn mathematics and develop a positive attitude towards learning mathematics.