

Grade One 2018-2019

Homework Calendars - Grade One

Homework Calendars are available for Kindergarten to Grade Three



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To the Teacher - Suggestions for use:

Send home a copy of the cover letter with the first calendar.

Photocopy the double-sided page for the month and send one home with each child. This calendar gives a small homework task to do, plus giving the parent tips and reminders of ways to help the child. These tasks reinforce the lessons without the teacher having to plan daily homework.



The blank monthly calendar can be sent home at the same time, with special days and events marked.

To encourage use, small prizes or treats may be given to students who return the sheet at the end of the month with stars marking the days the homework was completed. This really encourages participation!

The level at the top has been removed as teachers may want to send an easier or more difficult calendar home with a child. There is a shape in the upper left-hand corner of each set for your convenience.

Each day, spend two minutes talking about the homework from the previous day. Perhaps you can convince more children to do it and that it can be fun!

Make a chart at school with the names and the school days in the month. If they did the homework they can colour in the appropriate squares on the chart. This may also promote students to do the homework.

At the end of the month, make a big fuss over the calendars that come back and give a prize to those who have had a good month. This could be an award, a large sticker, a book prize or a cheer from the class.

When you meet parents, talk about the ways in which the homework is valuable, especially the daily reading with their children.

Homework Calendars

Your child will be given the Homework Calendar on the first school day of each month. There is a little 'job' to be done each day with a family member that should take ten minutes or less, plus the daily reading together.

The most important thing that you can do to help your child is to read to him/her each day. Children who have had books read to them have a huge advantage in school.

The daily homework items on the calendar are meant to be suggestions. If your child finds the daily work too difficult to do on his/her own, have fun doing it together.

If your child finds today's work too easy, add to the homework. For example, if you are thinking of words beginning with a letter, also learn to spell several of them.

Make homework time a happy time! If it is something the child enjoys, the benefits are much greater.



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Say the alphabet	Print your first	Count as far	Draw 5 things	It will be fun to	Draw 5 things	Print today's date.
to someone.	and last name	as you can!	that begin with	be in Grade One!	that begin with the 't' sound.	8
Can you say it	5 times.	I counted	'a' as in 'apple'. Print the	What part do you think you will	Print the	o Draw a picture
and sing it?		to	letter 'a'.	like best?	letter 't'.	•
			ierrer a.	like Desi?	ierrer i.	about your summer.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Print the	Draw a picture	Say the days	Draw 5 things	Find some	Draw 5 things	Print your
numbers to 10.	and print a	of the week.	that begin with the	pretty autumn	that begin	address and
Practice the	sentence about it.	Sing the	's' sound.	leaves. Make	with 'm'.	phone number.
tricky ones!	Someone can	alphabet song.	Print the	a rubbing with	Print the	
	help you.		letter 's'.	a crayon.	letter 'm'.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Do something	What is your	Can you make	Print the	Draw 5 things	Collect different	Draw a picture
to help someone	favourite book?	some words	numbers to 10.	that begin	seeds outdoors	and print a
in your family.	Tell someone	with 'a'. 't', 's'	Practice the	with 'c'.	and see how	sentence about it.
	the story.	and 'm'?	tricky ones!	Print the	many kinds you	Someone can
				letter 'c'.	can find.	help you.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Draw 5 things	Can you say the	Sing the	Draw 5 things	Print a	Draw a fall picture.	Make some words
that begin	months of	alphabet song.	that begin	sentence about	Print a sentence	with these
with 'f'.	the year?	Can you print	with 'b'.	the autumn.	about it.	letters -
Print the	When is your	the alphabet?	Print the	Someone can	Someone can	a t s m
letter 'f'.	birthday?		letter 'b'.	help you.	help you.	c b f
30						
Return this					Every	Every
to school. How					day - choose	day - read
many stars do					a story for	to someone in
you have on					someone to read	your /
this paper?					to you.	family.

September Tips for Parents:

Reading aloud to a child every day has many benefits! It greatly increases the child's listening and speaking vocabulary, it shows the importance of reading and books, it prepares the child for reading and teaches the concepts of print. Reading to your child increases his/her chances of academic success. And reading with your child is FUN! This month, read books by Robert Munsch. Read them with lots of expression!



Go to the public library with your child. You will find a great selection of books to borrow for the read-aloud time.

As soon as your child begins to read, it is important that he/she reads at home every day. It could be material that the teacher has sent home, or it could be simple books that the child has memorized. Read simple books to your child - books by Mo Willems are simple and fun. Show the words with your finger as you read, and then encourage your child to read them aloud to you, showing you the words with the finger as he/she reads. Can your child find specific words in the text?

Have a 'homework box'. Collect plain and lined paper, pencils, erasers, crayons and small scissors for the box. Use it only at homework time.

Card games and board games give your child a head start in math! Card and board games teach many things - numbers, addition, counting, taking turns, concentration, following rules, fair play and coordination.

When your child prints at home, stress that letters are made correctly - beginning at the top. Use interlined paper - this you can purchase or print from the 'free' section of the website below, and you can also find directions for correct letter formation.

Now your child should know the names of all the letters - both upper case (capitals) and lower case and be able to match the upper and lower case letters that are the same. You can find letter cards in the free section of the website below.



Your child will be enthusiastic about the homework if you are! Have fun with it. Drawings and printing can be put up in a special place after the work is done, and then replaced by tomorrow's work. Put a star on the calendar day after the homework is done, and send the calendar back to the teacher at the end of the month.



October 2018

Name			
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	What special	Print 10 or	Count as far as	Make a list of	Make words with	Make a collection
	days are in	more words	you can without	all the	the letters -	of interesting
	October?	that you know	making a mistake.	birthdays	istm	things you find
		how to spell.	I counted	in your family.	b f	outdoors.
			to			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Say the days of	Today is	Draw 5 things	Collect some coins.	Tell someone the	Have someone	Make a list
the week to	Thanksgiving.	that begin	Do you know	sound of 'i'.	ask you some	of words that
someone. Do you	Help set the	with 'j'.	the names and	Can you think of	addition	rhyme
know the months	table for dinner.	Print the	the amount each	words that begin	questions.	with 'sat'.
of the year?	Draw a turkey.	letter 'j'.	is worth?	with 'i'?		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Play a board	Count by 2's.	Draw a picture	Have someone help	Make a list of	Have someone help	Have someone
game with	Can you count	of something	you make a list of	words that	you make a list of	ask you some
someone in	to 20 by 2's?	from a	things that begin	rhyme with	things that begin	addition
your family.		favourite book.	with 'n'. Print	'Sam'.	with 'k'. Print	questions.
			the letter 'n'.		the letter 'k'.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Count by 10's.	Have someone help	Have someone	Draw a Halloween	How many	Make a list of	Have someone help
Can you count to	you make a list of	ask you some	picture.	things can you	words that	you make a list of
100 by 10's?	things that begin	addition	Tell someone	find that	rhyme with	things that begin
What other ways	with 'p'. Print the	questions.	about it.	are round?	'sit'.	with 'g'. Print the
can you count?	letter 'p'.					letter 'g'.
28	29	30	31			
Make a list	Have someone	How many things	Today is Halloween!		Every day -	/ Every day - \
of words that	ask you some	can you find that	Count the stars!		read to someone	choose a story
rhyme with	addition	are square?			in your family.	for someone to
'can'.	questions.					read to you.

October Tips for Parents:

Read a story to your child every day! Try some books that have more difficult vocabulary. The books by Bill Peet are fun to read aloud. Occasionally ask your child to predict what will happen next before you turn the page.

Read simple books to your child, too - books by David Shannon are simple and fun. Show the words with your finger as you read, and then encourage your child to read them aloud to you, showing you the words with the finger as he/she reads.



Your child should know most of the letter sounds. This month read and spell three letter words with the short 'a' sound (the sound of 'a' in apple). Read and spell words like mat, sad, fan, bat, ham, gas, etc. There are lists of these words in the free section for parents on the website below.

When your child is counting objects, make sure that he/she understands the matching of the word to one object. This is called 'one-to-one correspondence'. Touching each object as he/she counts helps to learn this. How high can the child count objects without missing numbers or objects?

Your child should be able to print numbers and letters on lines. Interlined paper is best (with a dotted line between the solid lines). You can purchase this paper, or print pages from the website below. Stress beginning at the top of each letter.

Can your child print one or more sentences by himself? If the child knows the letter sounds, he/she can try to spell words, and also use the words that have been memorized. The teacher will have talked about a capital (upper case) letter at the beginning of a sentence and a period at the end, so you can remind him/her of this.

Your child should be able to say the alphabet and recognize both the upper case (capital) and the lower case letters. There are alphabet cards to print off on the website below.

Playing card or board games can be very educational for your child! Choose games suitable to the knowledge of numbers and skill of your child. Keep the rules simple. Games teach taking turns and cooperation as well as math and the game skills.



November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!	Every day - read to someone in your family.		1 Print today's date. What is a special day in November?	2 Print a sentence about an animal. Someone may help you spell the words.	3 Make a list of words that rhyme with 'back'.
4 Play a board game with someone in your family.	5 Have someone help you make a list of things that begin with 'r'. Print the let- ter 'r'.	6 Draw a picture of your house. Print a sentence about it.	7 Have someone help you make a list of things that begin with 'd'. Print the letter 'd'.	8 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	9 Cut out a poppy and colour it.	10 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.
11 Remembrance Day. Have someone tell you why we have this special day.	12 Have someone help you make a list of things that begin with 'v'. Print the letter 'v'.	13 Print a sentence about school. Someone may help you spell the words.	14 Make a list of words that rhyme with 'Bill'.	15 How many things can you find that are rectangles?	16 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	17 Have someone help you make a list of things that begin with 'w'. Print the letter 'w'.
18 Tell someone the days of the week and the months of the year.	19 Make a list of words that rhyme with 'hot'.	20 Make a list of words that begin with 'o' as in 'octopus'. Print the letter 'o'.	21 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.	22 Print a sentence about a favourite toy. Someone may help you spell the words.	23 Count to 100. Print the numbers to 20.	24 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.
25 Make a list of words that begin with 'y' as in 'yes'. Print the letter 'y'.	26 Have someone ask you 10 addition and 10 subtraction questions.	27 Print a riddle! Someone may help you spell the words.	28 Have someone help you make a list of words that begin with 'z'. Print the letter 'z'.	29 Make a list of red things. Someone can help you with the spelling.	30 Return this paper to school. Count the stars!	

November Tips for Parents:

Read a story to your child every day! Try some books that have more difficult vocabulary. If your child is ready to listen to longer 'chapter' books with fewer pictures, read the *Horrible Harry* series by Suzy Kline, the *Nate the Great* series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat or the *Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne.



Listen to your child read every day. A child who reads at home 5 days a week for 10 minutes each day will have read 200 minutes by the end of November! Without this, your child will be 200 minutes of reading behind the children who read each day. It makes a very big difference to the child's progress! Ask the teacher for suitable reading material at your child's level.

If your child was able to spell three letter words with the short 'a' sound, this month read and spell three letter words with the short 'i' sound (the sound of 'i' in 'it'). Read and spell words like sit, him, rib, wit, bib, did, it, in, etc. See the website below for lists of short yowel words

Now your child may be able to print one or more simple sentences. He/She can be helped with the spelling, or can use phonics to try to spell the words. The child should understand the use of a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a period at the end. Interlined paper is best for printing (with a dotted line between the solid lines). You can purchase this paper, or print pages from the website below. Stress beginning at the top of each letter and number. The website below tells you how to form the letters correctly.

Playing card or board games can be very educational for your child! Choose games suitable to the knowledge of numbers and skill of your child. Keep the rules simple. Games teach taking turns and cooperation as well as math and the game skills.

Talk to your child about the things you see around you or on TV. Children at this age soak up information like sponges!

Make sure your child is getting enough exercise each day. This is more difficult in the dark winter months. Any exercise that can be done with a friend or family member is more fun!



December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Count to	Have someone help	Have someone	Print one or more	Have someone help	Write a sentence	What special days
20 by 2s,	you make a list of	ask you 10	sentences about	you make a list of	about today's	are in December?
and to 100 by	words that begin	subtraction	winter. Someone	words that begin with 'u'. Print the	weather. Someone	8
5s and 10s.	with 'qu'. Print the	questions.	can help you	letter 'u'.	can help you	Count to 100
	letters 'qu'.		spell the words.	letter u.	spell the words.	different ways.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Make a list of	Have someone	Have someone help	Have someone help	Print one or	Print a letter to	Have someone help
words that	ask you 10	you make a list of	you make a list of	more sentences	Santa. Someone	you make a list of
rhyme with	addition	words that begin	words that begin	about snow.	can help you	words that begin
look'. Can you	questions.	with 'th'. Print	with 'u'. Print the	Someone can	spell the words.	with 'sh'. Print
spell them?		the letters 'th'.	letter 'u'.	help you.		the letters 'sh'.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Have someone	Have someone help	Sing a	Have someone	Print one or more	Sing a	Count to
ask you 10	you make a list of	Christmas song.	ask you 10	sentences about	Christmas song.	20 by 2s,
subtraction	words that begin	Print a list of	addition	Christmas. Someone	Print a list of	and to 100 by
questions.	with 'ch'. Print the	Christmas	questions.	can help you if	Christmas	5s and 10s.
	letters 'ch'.	words.		you need help.	words.	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Draw a	Today is	Today is	Print a story	Make a list of	Make a list of things	Count to 100.
Christmas	Christmas Eve.	Christmas!	about your	words that begin	that	Can you think of
picture.	Make a card for	Do something to	Christmas	with 'e' as in	are fun to	different ways
	someone special.	help your family.	Day.	'elephant'. Print	do in winter.	to count to 100?
				the letter 'e'.		
30	31					
Have someone help	Today is New			Every day -	Every day -	/ When you
you make a list of	Year's Eve!		VOL.	/ choose a story $^{\setminus}$	read to	\langle print sentences, $ ackslash$
words that begin	Print today's date.			for someone to	someone in	use capitals and
with 'wh'. Print the	What will the date		7	read to you.	vour family.	periods!
letters 'wh'.	be tomorrow?					

December Tips for Parents:

Read a story to your child every day! Try some books that have more difficult vocabulary. There are many good Christmas books to read - Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christ-mas* and *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg are fun.



Listen to your child read every day! It makes a very big difference to the child's progress.

Ask the teacher for suitable material to read. You see - like any skill, practice makes perfect. You wouldn't expect a child to play hockey or soccer well without lots and lots of practice. Reading needs practice in just the same way - and you don't have to leave your chair!

If your child was able to spell three letter words with the short 'a' and 'i' sounds, this month read and spell three letter words with the short 'o' sound (the sound of 'o' in 'otter'). Read and spell words like pot, hot, sob, hog, job, hop, etc. There are lists and word cards on the website below.

Now your child may be able to print two or more sentences on a single topic. He/She can be helped with the spelling, or can use phonics to try to spell the words. The child should understand the use of a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a period at the end. Interlined paper is best for printing (with a dotted line between the solid lines). You can purchase this paper, or print pages from the website below. Stress beginning at the top of each letter and number. The website has a booklet that tells you how to form the letters correctly.

Playing card or board games can be very educational for your child! Choose games suitable to the knowledge of numbers and skill of your child. Keep the rules simple. Games teach taking turns, following directions and cooperation as well as math and the game skills. Google 'simple card games for kids' and you will find lots of games to try!

Practice adding and subtracting to 10. This can be done orally when you are travelling in the car or walking together. Count by 5s and 10s to 100, too.



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every day - choose a story for someone to read to you. 6 Print your full name, your address and your phone	Every day - read to someone in your family. 7 Have someone ask you 5 addition questions and 5 subtraction	1 Happy New Year! Talk about making New Year's resolutions! 8 Make a list of winter words. How many can you think of?	Print two sentences telling what you did today that was fun. Someone can help you. 9 Count to 100 by 5's. Count to 20 by 2's.	3 Say the days of the week and the months of the year to someone. 10 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.	4 Tell someone the story in a favourite book. 11 What did you do at school today? Print two or more sentences	5 Draw a snowman. Print two sentences about him. 12 Borrow some coins. Do you know how much money each coin is worth and
number. 13 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	questions. 14 Print one or more sentences about a winter sport.	15 How many clocks are in your house? Are they different? Can you tell what time it is?	16 Make a list of things that are yellow. Someone can help you.	17 Print two sentences telling what you did today that was fun. Someone can help you.	about it. 18 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.	the coin names? 19 Draw a map of your bedroom. Someone can help you.
20 Play a board game with someone in your family.	21 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	22 Print the alphabet in lower case letters.	23 Make a list of things that you can do outdoors in January.	24 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.	25 Count backwards from 20. Print the numbers in backwards order.	26 What did you do at school today? Print two or more sentences about it.
27 Make a list of things that are blue. Someone can help you.	28 Print two sentences telling what you did today that was fun. Someone can help you.	29 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	30 Print 20 words that you know how to spell.	31 Return this paper to school. Count the stars!		When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!

January Tips for Parents:

Read a story to your child every day! Read some of the classic tales: Henny Penny, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Shoemaker and the Elves, The Little Red Hen, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstock, etc. You may want to leave out some of the more gruesome ones like Hansel and Gretel.....

Listen to your child read every day! When your child is reading to you and comes to a word that he/she doesn't know, just say the word and let the child go on reading. Use the Goldilocks rule for choosing books for your child to read - you don't want a book that is too hard or too easy - just right! A 'just right' book has about one word in 20 - 25 with which the child is unfamiliar. Ask the teacher for some suitable reading material or suggestions.

You can take turns reading... your child can read a page aloud and then you read a page. You will be modelling good reading.

If your child was able to spell three letter words with the short 'a', 'i' and 'o' sounds, this month read and spell three letter words with the short 'u' sound (the sound of 'u' in 'up'). Read and spell words like pup, bud, cup, mud, mum, fun, etc. Go to the website below for word lists.

Now your child should be able to write simple sentences. He/She can be helped with the spelling, or can use phonics to try to spell the words. The child should understand the use of a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a period at the end. Interlined paper is best for printing (with a dotted line between the solid lines. You can purchase this paper, or print pages from the website below. Stress beginning at the top of each letter and number. The website has a free booklet showing how to form the letters correctly.

Playing card or board games can be very educational for your child! Try Chutes and Ladders or Bingo.....

Practice adding and subtracting to 10. This can be done orally when you are travelling in the car or walking together. Count by 5s and 10s to 100, too.



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Every day - choose a story for someone to read to you.	Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!		1 Print today's date. What special days are in February?	2 Today is Groundhog Day! Will he see his shadow? Ask someone what that means.
3 Print a story about your family. Try to print at least 12 words.	4 Have someone ask you 5 addition questions and 5 subtraction questions.	5 With help, make a list of things that can go fast. Read the list to someone.	6 Count by 2's to 20, by 5's to 50, and by 10's to 100.	7 Print your full name, address, phone number and birthday.	8 Have someone ask you 5 addition questions and 5 subtraction questions.	9 Print a story about an animal. Try to print at least 12 words.
10 With help, make a list of things that you love. Read the list to someone.	11 Have someone ask you 5 addition questions and 5 subtraction questions.	12 Make a Valentine for a special friend. Get your cards ready to bring to school.	13 Print a story about Valentine's Day. Try to print at least 14 words.	14 Valentine's Day! Say 'I love you!' to someone.	15 With help, make a list of things that are funny. Read the list to someone.	16 Print a story about something you like to do. Try to print at least 14 words.
17 Borrow some coins and see if you can count how much money you have.	18 Make up 10 addition questions and see if someone in your family can answer them.	19 Make addition sentences for 5 e.g. 4 + 1 = 5 2 + 1 + 2 = 5	20 With help, make a list of things that are orange. Read the list to someone.	21 With help, make a list of things that a cat can do. Read the list to someone.	22 Have someone ask you 10 subtraction questions.	23 Print a story about what you did today. Try to print at least 15 words.
24 Make addition sentences for 6 e.g. 4 + 2 = 6 2 + 2 + 2 = 6 1 + 2 + 3 = 6	25 Print a story about a friend. Try to print at least 15 words.	26 Have someone ask you 10 addition questions.	27 What was the best thing you did in February? Print a story about it.	28 How far can you count? I can count to		

February Tips for Parents:

Make sure the homework time is fun! If this time becomes cross or unhappy - it is of no benefit and may even be detrimental to the child's learning.

Read to your child every day! Try reading poetry, too. Read the poetry books by Dennis Lee - *Alligator Pie* is great fun, or books by Shel Silverstein - *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, for example.



Listen to your child read every day! Keep the reading time light and pleasant. Give praise and hugs for good reading - and no criticism if the child is having problems - it may be that the book is too difficult and is a poor choice. You can take turns reading orally - you can read one paragraph or page and the child read the next - or..... both of you can read together, speaking at the same time.

If your child was able to spell three letter words with the short 'a', 'i', 'o' and 'u' sounds, this month read and spell three letter words with the short 'e' sound (the sound of 'e' in 'elephant'). Read and spell words like pet, hen, hem, bed, leg, etc. Go to the website below for word lists. Go to the 'parents' link and then to 'freebies' for word lists.

Playing card games can be very educational for your child! Here is an easy one - play *Crazy Eights*. Two to four people can play. The object is to lay down all of your cards. Two players get seven cards each and three or four players receive five cards each and the rest of the cards are the draw pile. Turn over one card to start the discard pile. The first player must match the card's number or suit and put the card from his hand into the discard pile. A player who does not have a match may play an eight and name the suit in play. A player who has neither a match or an eight must draw until he gets one. After the player gets a match of number or suit, the turn goes to the next person. The first to discard all cards wins.

Practice adding and subtracting to 10 - there are flash cards on the website below. Count by 2s, 5s and 10s to 100, too.

Talk to your child about the things you see. In the grocery story, talk about the fruit and vegetables and look for strange different ones. Discuss food preparation as you cook and let the child help with simple tasks. Look at snowflakes with a magnifying glass. Talk about things you pass when you are driving. Look up the names of birds you see. Children at this age absorb huge amounts of information - and everything they learn increases their brain power!



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!	Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.	Every day - choose a story for someone to read to you.		1 Print today's date. What special days are in March?	2 Print two sentences telling what you did today.
3 Count by 2's to 20, by 5's to 100, and by 10's to 100.	4 Print a story! Try to print at least 15 words.	5 Have someone ask you subtraction questions about 7.	6 Get a handful of coins and count the amount of money.	7 Make addition sentences for 7 e.g. 4 + 3 = 7 3 + 2 + 2 = 7	8 Count by 2's to 20, by 5's to 100, and by 10's to 100.	9 Play a board game with someone in your family.
10 Play a card game with someone in your family.	11 Have someone ask you subtraction questions about 8.	12 Print your full name, address, and birthday. Make a list of important phone numbers.	13 How far can you count? I can count to	14 Print two sentences telling what you did today.	15 Have someone ask you subtraction questions about 9.	16 Get a handful of coins and count the amount of money.
17 Today is St. Pat- rick's Day! Wear something green. Tell someone why you wear green.	18 Make addition sentences for 8 e.g. 4 + 4 = 8 2 + 4 + 2 = 8	19 Print a story! Try to print at least 15 words.	20 Count by 2's to 20, by 5's to 100, and by 10's to 100.	21 Draw a map of your yard. Someone can help you.	22 Print a story! Try to print at least 15 words.	23 Play a board game with someone in your family.
24 Can you skip? Prac- tice your skipping! 31	25 Print two sentences telling what you did today.	26 Borrow some coins and see if you can count how much money you have.	27 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	28 Have someone give you some words to spell.	29 Make addition sentences for 9 e.g. 4 + 5 = 9 2 + 2 + 5 = 9	30 How many times can you bounce a ball?

March Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. If you have read the original fairy tales, now read some 'fractured' versions! *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, *Somebody and the Three Blairs* by Marilyn Tolhurst, or *Petronella* by Jay Williams are good suggestions, and ask the librarian for others. How are these similar and different to original fairy tales?

Listen to your child read every day! Keep the reading time light and pleasant. Give praise and hugs for good reading - and no criticism if the child is having difficulty - perhaps the book chosen is too difficult. You can take turns reading orally - you can read one paragraph or page and the child read the next - or..... both of you can read together, speaking at the same time.



If your child was able to read and spell the three-letter words with the short vowels - try mixing the cards with the different vowels.

Show your child a map of your local community. Where do you live? What is your street and the streets nearby? On what streets do you walk or drive to school and where do you shop? Maps can be on paper, of course, and you can also look at Google maps and Google Earth to show your neighbourhood.

Make sure your child knows his/her full name (and how to spell it), the street address and town/city and the parents full names. Children should also know the family's phone numbers. Does your child know his/her birthday and the year of birth?

Practice adding and subtracting to 10 - there are flash cards on the website below. Count by 2s, 5s and 10s to 100, too.

As Spring approaches, practice skipping, bouncing a ball, riding a bike, throwing and catching a ball and moving a ball with the feet. Have your child go on runs with the adults in the family!

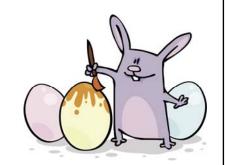


April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	What special days	How many	Make a list	Count by	Have someone	Play a
4	are in April?	equations can you	of things	2's to 20,	make different	board game
	Print today's	make that equal 5?	that are hot.	by 5's to 100,	times on a clock	with someone
	date.	(e.g. 2 + 3 = 5		and by 10's	so you can	in your family.
W To		10 - 5 = 5)		to 100.	tell time.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Go for a run.	Print two	Draw a map of	Ask someone	Make addition	Print 20	How many
Get an adult	sentences. Count	your house.	about the	sentences for 10	tricky words	equations can you
to run with you.	the words. How	Label the rooms.	directions -	e.g. 8 + 2 = 10	that you know	make that equal 6?
	many words	Someone can	north, south,	6 + 2 + 2 = 10	how to spell.	(e.g. 2 + 4 = 6
	did you use?	help you.	east and west.			9 - 3 = 6)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Play a	Look at a map of	Write a story	How many	Play	Good Friday!	Colour Easter
board	your local area.	telling what	equations can you	'Addition War'.	Have a	eggs with
game with	Can you find your	you did today.	make that equal 7?	Who is the	good day.	your family.
someone in your	street and	I wrote	(e.g. 4 + 3 = 7	big winner?		
family.	where you live?	words.	9 - 2 = 7)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday!	Today is Earth Day.	Make a list	How many	Make a list	How many	Make a list of
Have family fun!	Tell someone	of your	equations can	of signs	equations can you	things that are
	what you can	favourite books.	you make	of Spring.	make that equal 9?	in the ocean.
	do to help	What book is the	that equal 8?		(e.g. 6 + 3 = 9	
	our earth.	very best of all?			10 - 1 = 9)	
28	29	30				Every
Play a	How many	Write a story	Return this paper	Every day -	When you	day - read by
board game	+ equations	telling what	to school.	/ choose a story \	print sentences,	yourself or to
with someone	can you make	you did today.	Count the stars!	for someone to	use capitals and	someone in your
in your family.	that equal 10?	I wrote		read to you.	periods!	family.
		words				

April Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. Read the most difficult of the Dr. Seuss books - they are great fun! Read *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins, Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, and *The King's Stilts*. Reading aloud is important! Here's a quote: "Children who are told stories are the ones who first form abstract concepts across the curriculum - in other words, being read to makes you brainy."



The value of homework increases when an adult happily works with the student and the work is discussed. If homework becomes stressful for either the adult or the child, the value is lessened - and can even be harmful to learning.

Listen to your child read every day. Have your child read for at least 10 minutes five days a week - and more would be even better! In April, add up the minutes that your child reads at home - strive for at least 200 hundred minutes. Talk about the story that is being read - show that you are enjoying the story by asking questions and commenting on it.

It's Spring! Practice skipping, bouncing a ball, riding a bike, throwing and catching a ball and moving a ball with the feet. Encourage your child to run with the adults in the family!

As Spring comes to your community, talk about the changes you see as things come alive.

Play 'Addition War! Two people can play this game. Remove the face cards and then cut the deck in half - a pile for each player. Both players turn over two top cards on the table from their piles and add the amounts on the two cards. Shout out your total! The person with the highest total gets all four cards, and puts them at the bottom of his pile. The person with the most cards at the end of the game wins. This game can be changed to Subtraction War, subtracting the two cards, and the person with the smallest total wins.

We want to gradually increase the amount of writing that the child is comfortable doing. Counting the number of words will help. Perhaps you might count interesting words as 2, to encourage using longer and more exact words. Children, when they begin writing, often write 'bare' sentences. Talk about how these sentences could be made more interesting by adding more colourful words.



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!	Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.	Every day - choose a story for someone to read to you.	1 Print today's date. What special days are in May?	2 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	3 Get a handful of coins and count them. Can you count by 5s, 10s, and 25s?	4 Go on a nature walk with an adult. Make a collection of interesting things.
5 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	6 Draw a picture of something you like to do with your family. Print a story about it.	7 How high can you count? Print the numbers to 100.	8 How many equations can you make that equal 6?	9 Practice telling time. Look at the different kinds of clocks in your house.	10 How many + equations can you make that equal 7?	11 How many times can you bounce a ball? I can bounce a balltimes.
12 Play a card game with your family.	How many equations can you make that equal 5? (e.g. 2 + 3 = 5 10 - 5 = 5)	14 How many equations can you make that equal 8?	15 Get a handful of coins and count them. Can you count by 5s, 10s, and 25s?	16 Make a list of things that are cubes.	17 How many equations can you make that equal 9?	18 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.
19 Play a board game with someone in your family.	20 Today is Victoria Day! Who was Victoria? Ask some- one why we have Victoria Day.	21 Make a list of things that are shaped like a ball.	22 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	23 Look at a map of your community. Find some places you like to go. Show how you get there.	24 How many equations can you make that equal 9?	25 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.
26 Play a board game with someone in your family.	27 Count backwards from 100. Get a handful of coins and count them.	28 Go outdoors and look at insects and spiders. How are insects and spiders different?	29 Draw a picture of something you like to do in the spring.	30 Get a handful of coins and count them. Count them by 5s, 10s, and 25s.	31 Return this paper to school. Count the stars!	

May Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. It is good to read books that have fewer pictures, so that the child can freely imagine what is happening in the story as you read. This ability to form mental pictures from words will make children good readers in the future. Early 'chapter' books are the 'Magic Treehouse' series by Mary Pope Osborne, the Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Park and the Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat.

Listen to your child read every day. Reading aloud helps the child read fluently, grouping the words in phrases and reading smoothly. It also gives you a good idea of the words that give trouble and the correct reading level for your child. Some students are now reading silently and enjoying books on their own - these minutes can be counted into the reading time.



There are lists of reading words on the website below. You can use these to help your child learn to read the words that are needed for Grade One reading.

It's Spring! Practice skipping, bouncing a ball, riding a bike, throwing and catching a ball and moving a ball with the feet. Have your child run with the adults in the family!

Talk money with your child! We have been counting coins - now relate the amounts of allowance or pocket money to items in stores. Look at the prices of items and how money is written.

Let your child see you writing. We don't write with pen or pencil as much as in the past - but we do write lists and notes. Put happy notes into your child's lunch. If you e-mail, text or write on Facebook, share these when appropriate. Your child could help you write shopping or travel lists.

Show your child maps of the places you go. Map reading is a very abstract process, and a valuable skill for a child to learn at an early age. Associating lines on paper with actual places is difficult even for some adults, but many children seem to understand it when they are quite young.



June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!	Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!				1 What special days are in June? Print today's date.
2 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	3 How many + and - equations can you make that equal 5?	4 Practice telling time. Get someone to change the clock times for you.	5 Make a list of things that are cylinders.	6 Get a handful of coins and count the money.	7 Look at a map of your province. Can you find where you live?	8 How many equations can you make that equal 6?
9 Play a board game with someone in your family.	10 Make a list of things you could do with a 2 litre pop bottle.	11 Count backwards from 100. Can you count backwards by 5s and 10s, too?	12 How many equations can you make that equal 7?	13 How many times can you bounce a ball?	14 How high can you count? Print the numbers to 100.	15 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.
16 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	17 Cut words out of a newspaper to make a sentence or even a story.	18 How many equations can you make that equal 8?	19 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	20 Make a list of things that are cones.	21 Make a list of all the children in your class.	22 Write a letter or an e-mail to someone.
23 Play a board game. 30 Write the numbers to 100.	24 Make a list of things you want to do this summer.	25 How many equations can you make that equal 9?	26 Get a handful of coins and count the money.	27 Write a story telling what you think you will do in school next year.	28 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	29 Play a card game with someone in your family.

June Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. Re-read favourite books - if a book is a special favourite it can be read many times. Go to the library often and let your child pick several books and you can pick some, too!

If you watch movies that are from children's books, read the book and compare the story. Which version did your child enjoy most? You could watch and read *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum (if your child wouldn't be frightened by the witches), *Dr. Doolittle* by Hugh Lofting, *Winnie-the-Pooh* by A.A. Milne and watch the original Disney movie, or many by Dr. Seuss that have been made into movies.



Listen to your child read every day. Make this a bedtime routine - cuddling up with a good book and reading together is a quiet, peaceful and rewarding experience for both of you.

As summer comes, you and your child will be outdoors more. Practice skipping, bouncing a ball, riding a bike, throwing and catching a ball and moving a ball with the feet - these are all things that are summer fun, and need practice - just like reading!

Play 'Addition War! Two people can play this game. Remove the face cards and then cut the deck in half - a pile for each player. Both players turn over two top cards on the table from their piles and add the amounts on the two cards. Shout out your total! The person with the highest total gets all four cards, and puts them at the bottom of his pile. The person with the most cards at the end of the game wins. This game can be changed to Subtraction War, subtracting the two cards, and the person with the smallest total wins.

Play classic board games. Chutes and Ladders, Sorry!, Chinese Checkers and regular Checkers are fun for all.

Show your child a map of your province. Find where your town/city is located, and other places the family has visited or plans to visit in the summer. Show the roads and towns, the rivers and lakes with which the child is familiar.



July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Today is Canada Day! Look at a map of Canada and find where you live. Wave a flag!	2 Write a story telling what you would like to do in the summer holidays.	3 Make a list of vegetables. How many can you list? Let your family help you.	4 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	5 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	6 Play a board game with someone in your family.
7 Find an object that begins with each letter of the alphabet (except x!)	8 How many times can you skip? Can you improve your score?	9 How many equations can you make that equal 7?	10 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	11 Cut words out of a newspaper to make a sentence or a story.	12 How high can you count? Print the numbers to 100.	13 Look at a map of Canada. Can you find where you live? Can you find your province?
14 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	15 Practice telling time. Get someone to change the clock times for you.	16 Draw a picture of your favourite summer activity.	17 How many + and - equations can you make that equal 8?	18 Make a list of fruit. How many can you list? Let your family help you.	19 Get a handful of coins and count the money.	20 Count to 100. Count backwards from 100. Now count to 100 in other ways.
21 Go on a nature walk with an adult. Make a collection of interesting things.	22 How many equations can you make that equal 92	23 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	24 What is your favourite book? Tell someone the story.	25 How many + and - equations can you make that equal 10?	26 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	27 Get a handful of coins and count the money.
28 Play a board game with someone in your family.	29 Make a list of subtraction equations from 10. e.g. 10 - 5 = 5 Practice them.	30 Practice bouncing a ball. How many times can you bounce it?	31 Get a handful of coins and count the money.	Every day choose a story for someone to read to you.	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!	Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.

July Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. Continue this through the summer every day that it is possible.

Have your child read every day - to you or by him/herself. Take books wherever you go during the summer, so if your child asks "What can I do?" - you always have an answer! Have books that are fun and at a suitable level for your child to read independently.

If your child has an interest in a sport, something in nature or even a movie - find books about that interest in your local library.



Throughout this year's calendars the homework has asked the child to think of a list of things that are alike - a list of fruit, of things that are round, or things that are yellow. This is called 'brainstorming', and helps the child extend his/her thinking. It can also be fun, and the family can join in, each person taking a turn. This is an easy suggestion for road trips.

Next year the children will be expected to increase the amount and quality of writing they can do in a set time. Counting the number of words will help, if your child is not writing much. Perhaps you might count interesting words as 2, to encourage using longer and more exact words. Children, when they begin writing, often write 'bare' sentences. Talk about how these sentences could be made more interesting by adding more colourful words. But...... writing on and on with little regard for the quality of the writing is not a good idea! Writing three or four sentences that are interesting is better than a page of poorly written run-on sentences that lack thought.

Show your child a map of Canada. Find your province, and talk about the different provinces and territories. Find where your town/city is located, and other places the family has visited or plans to visit in the summer. Show the roads and towns, the rivers and lakes with which the child is familiar. This can be connected to Canada Day activities. Talk about the Canadian flag and other Canadian symbols.



August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every day - read by yourself or to someone in your family.	Every day - choose a story for someone to read to you.	When you print sentences, use capitals and periods!		1 Are there any special days in August? Print today's date.	2 Play a board game with someone in your family.	3 Get a handful of coins and count the money.
4 How many equations can you make that equal 6?	5 Tell someone about recycling around your home.	6 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	7 Go for a run. Get an adult to run with you.	8 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	9 Count by 5's. How far can you count by 5's?	10 Draw a picture of a special summer day.
11 How many equations can you make that equal 7?	12 Tell someone the story of a favourite book.	13 How high can you count? Print the numbers to 100.	14 Cut words out of a newspaper to make a story.	15 Count by 2's. How far can you count by 2's?	16 Print your address, full name and birthday. List important phone numbers.	17 How many times can you bounce a ball?
18 Go for a run. Get an adult to run with you.	19 Play a board game with someone in your family.	20 How many equations can you make that equal 8?	21 Practice telling time. Get someone to change the clock times for you.	22 Go on a nature walk with an adult. Make a collection of interesting things.	23 Look at a map of Canada. Can you find where you live? Can you find your province?	24 Make equations that equal 9.
25 How many times can you skip? I can skip times.	26 Write a story telling what you did today. I wrote words.	27 How many + and - equations can you make that equal 10?	28 Get a handful of coins and count the money.	29 Write a story telling what you want to do this year at school.	30 Look at a map of the world. Can you find Canada?	31 Practice telling time. What different kinds of clocks can you find?

August Tips for Parents:

Read to your child every day. Continue this through the summer every day that it is possible.

Have your child read every day - to you or by him/herself. Take books wherever you go during the summer, so if your child asks "What can I do?" - you always have an answer! Have books that are fun and at a suitable level for your child to read independently.

The value of homework increases when an adult happily works with the student and the work is discussed. If homework becomes stressful for either the adult or the child, the value is lessened - and can even be harmful to learning.



If you see interesting things through the summer, find books to increase the knowledge. Perhaps you have seen interesting birds, animals, fish or plants. Your interest will encourage your child's interest.

Throughout the calendars the homework has asked the child to think of a list of things that are alike - a list of fruit, of things that are round, or things that are yellow. This is called 'brainstorming', and helps the child extend his/her thinking. It can also be fun, and the family can join in, each person taking a turn. This is an easy suggestion for road trips.

Have your child review the math addition and subtraction facts. Without this extra practice, these may be forgotten over the summer.

In the coming year the children will be expected to increase the amount and quality of writing they can do in a set time. Counting the number of words will help, if your child is not writing much. If you travel in August, or go camping or visit interesting places in your community - have your child write about it. Writing about daily experiences is the easiest form of writing for children. Having your child write a journal of experiences through the summer makes an interesting (and sometimes amusing) keepsake!

Show your child a map of Canada. Find your province, and talk about the different provinces and territories. Find where your town/city is located, and other places the family has visited or plans to visit in the summer. Show the roads and towns, the rivers and lakes with which the child is familiar. Show a map of the world and find Canada on it.

September 2018

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April 2019

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July 2019

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August 2019

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