

# News from One and Two

**Issue Three – October/November**

## Looking Back...

**Language Arts**– We finished our three-week unit on “Clifford The Big Red Dog.” We discussed Clifford’s author, Norman Bridwell and read many different Clifford adventures. The unit focused on the children’s abilities to sequence different events and gave them an opportunity to discuss personal life experiences while relating them to stories. We are currently discussing the Canadian author Phoebe Gilman.



**Math**– We spent several weeks in October working on our addition skills. The Grade Ones focused on learning to add to 10 while the Grade Twos were trying to reach 20. Everyone has worked very hard to become proficient with their number skills.

**Science** – The month of October saw us discussing liquids and solids and the concepts of floating and sinking.



**Life on the Farm** – We are almost finished with our look at life on a farm and the contributions that farmers make to meet the needs of our communities.



**Shantzholm Pumpkin Patch** – We had a wonderful trip to the farm. Thank you to all of the parents who spent the rainy afternoon with us!!



## For Your Information...



**Scholastic** – Thank you so much for your October book orders. November order forms are due back at school by Friday, November 1. **Remember to attach a note if you would like to save the books for Christmas presents.**

**Reminders** – Friday, November 22 is a P.A. Day for the school.

**Reading Challenge** – Thank you for reading with your child each evening. We have twenty ocean creatures on our wall and have already read over 120 books.

## Looking Ahead...

**Language Arts** – We are finishing our unit on Phoebe Gilman. We hope you like our stuffed pigs! We will then begin a unit on Letter writing and will be composing letters to our friends at school. Later in the month, we will begin an author study on Canadian writer Robert Munsch. We will work on sequencing stories as well as identifying main ideas and characters. We will also discuss how humour is used to teach important character lessons.

**Math** – The Grade Ones begin the month with a look at Subtraction from 10 before moving on to study two-dimensional shapes and patterning. The Grade Twos begin November with a unit on Subtraction from 20 and finish the month with a look at telling Time!

**My Neighbourhood** – Early in the month we will take a look at the communities that we live in and examine the different components that make up each community. We will tour our local community of Plattsville to view the different types of buildings found close to our school. We will use that information to create several different types of maps and models. We will visit the Plattsville Fire Station on November 8.

**This Is Me** – We will begin a Social Studies unit in late November that focusses on our families and our family history. Be prepared to answer some questions from your child concerning their early years.

