Dear Grade 2 Parents, October 1st 2015

We have had a wonderful start to our year! Thank you for all of your assistance and patience in helping to complete all of the paperwork that has been sent home.

The students have adjusted well to their new class and they are learning lots!

Some of the main things that we have worked on include:

* Classroom rules (hands/feet to self, raise hand before speaking, quiet when the teacher is talking and to work quietly in our desks)
* AIR (Accountability, Integrity and Respect) – discussion, artwork and writing assignments focussing on how these things look at Westmount
* Bucket Filling – focus on how to be a kind and thoughtful person to others
* Reading – choosing “just right” books and reading quietly for eight minutes now! We started with one minute
* Reading Strategies – using the pictures and connecting to the content of what we have read
* Writing – writing full sentences with appropriate grammar and detail
* Math – repeating and increasing patterns
* All About Me sharing – all students did a fabulous job!
* This week we met our Grade 6/7 reading buddies
* Square dancing lessons – the students have learned so much!

Each day we have a special helper. It is up to the special helper to remember to bring show and tell (if they choose to do so). If he/she forgets, he/she can bring his/her item the following day.

As you are aware, we will be having parent-teacher interviews on October 15th and 16th. Sign-up sheets can be found outside the school office beginning on October 5th. If you are unable to get into the school to sign-up you can email me at [kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca). I can then coordinate an appointment for you. I look forward to meeting with many of you!

The curriculum overview for the term can be found on my weebly site mrsedstrom.weebly.com. There is a direct link on the Westmount home page also. You can also find calendar dates and home reading information on my site. I encourage you to use it to help keep up with our classroom news.

Thank You, Mrs. Edstrom