Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope both you and your child are settling back into the school routine. It has been a wonderful week and I have loved getting to know your children. I just wanted to write a letter in regards to the following housekeeping items:

**Daily Readers**
Students have started borrowing take home books and it is recommended that your child reads to you for approximately 15 minutes every night.

**Mathletics**
Your child is now able to access Mathletics online at home by visiting the website and using the sign-in card on the front page of their yellow reader. Tasks will be assigned weekly for your child to reinforce concepts taught in class. This will enable them to build up their points to receive Mathletics certificates! If all tasks are completed within a given week, students will also have access to Rainforest Maths and Live Mathletics.

**Spelling**
Over the next couple of weeks your child will be tested on the spelling of the M100 and 200 words. They will be provided with a homework book and activities, which will allow them to practise any unknown spelling words identified during testing.

**Attitudes**
We are currently in the feasibility stage to become an authorized PYP school which involves a transition from school ‘values’ to ‘attitudes’. Over the next couple of weeks the Grade 1’s will be unpacking our central idea, ‘Our words and actions impact others,’ by addressing and exploring these attitudes. Hopefully you’ve had or will have some questions about our new attitudes: appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect and tolerance. If you would like to know about this program, you are welcome to attend our IB PYP information night on the 25th February.

**Parent Helpers**
Finally, thank you to those parents who have offered their assistance in the classroom so far. Parents can help with changing readers and listening to children read in the mornings as well as other classroom jobs and activities. Classroom helpers will start in Week 3 or 4 once we are all settled into a routine.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
I look forward to meeting with you during the ‘Getting to Know You’ meetings on Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th February.

Kind regards,

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