**Homework**

Homework is sent generally every **Thursday** in your child’s Weekly Homework folder.  The folder, with completed homework inside, is due the following Thursday. Please ensure that your child’s work is completed. If they finish early, your child may of course return their homework as soon as they have completed it.

**Home Reading** (you will receive notification when home reading begins)

Your child will bring home a different bag (Ziploc) containing TWO books every week to practice their reading. Please note that all students will begin at the same level and we will adjust as we go. Please let me know via the agenda if you are finding that your child’s books are too easy. Also note that though these books may be of the same level, some WILL be more difficult than others.  I hope that you are able to spend a few minutes every evening helping your child practice reading. Please encourage your child to find sounds and words that they recognize and to use the techniques that we are learning in class to figure out the words they don’t know. These techniques include:

* Looking at the picture
* Noticing the first letter or sounds
* stretching a word out by saying each sound
* Chopping the big words into smaller pieces
* skipping the unknown word
* saying all the sounds that can be made by a letter
* Finding the little word inside the big word
* Taking your time
* trying, trying, trying

The purpose of the home reading program is to support and promote your child’s reading skills and foster a love of reading. The home reading NEEDS to be a fun and engaging activity for your child. Please allow your child to look at the pictures, make predictions about the story, look ahead in the book. Help them with any word that is difficult, even if at first this is most words. It is important that your child is not frustrated by this task. Keep it short and fun and don’t worry about perfect pronunciation and yourself knowing every word! For grade One students, this could mean finding just ONE word, sounding it out and moving to another page. :)

The books will come home in the blue mail bag. Please help your child remember to keep their book bag in a safe place where books will not get damaged or lost, and remember to bring books back to school every Thursday (with homework and library books!) in the original Ziploc bag as they are organized by level and sets. Please also record the date and title of the book on the record slip that will be provided every week. There are incentive prizes for filled record slips!!

**Sight Words** (you will receive notification when sight words begin)

Please ensure that your child brings their agenda to school EVERY DAY. Your child will come home every Thursday (usually) with a new list of French sight words in their agenda. Please practice reading, spelling or WRITING these sight words every night with your child as we will be having a “dictée” (written spelling test) every Wednesday. You are also welcome to make a game of it. (For example, write the word and leave a couple of letters out for your child to fill in, have your child be the teacher and test you, etc.) The purpose of this practice is to build your child’s French vocabulary to use in their French writing, and also to help solidify letter sounds and combinations learned in class. Once corrected, within one or two days, the “dictée” results will be posted in FreshGrade for you to see.