

September 6th, 2020

Bonjour les familles de la classe de Mme Paré!

I truly hope this summer break has been a wonderful experience for you and your child. As you probably understand, this school year will be unlike any previous school year that we have had. We will need to work closely as a home and school team to provide the best school experience for your child. As such, the following is some important information on how the school year will proceed in our classroom.

Communication:

Our class will be using Microsoft Teams, which will be especially important if online learning happens throughout the year. This platform has been chosen by Lord Selkirk School Division as our primary method of distance learning and online instruction. We will be spending time in class to go over how the program works so that the students become familiar with it. Please also check out my website <http://mmeccpare.weebly.com> and for other exciting challenges and activities!

The main method of communication in our class will be email. I can be reached by email at cpare@lssd.ca. I will strive to provide a response to email within 24 hours of the original request. If your email arrives after 3:30 p.m. on Friday, I may not respond until Monday. I am also available by phone at the school at 204-785-8284 during the school day from 8:45 - 3:45. If I am unavailable, I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Classroom:

At École Bonaventure we are doing everything we can to create a positive, safe learning environment for your child. This will include many changes to our daily routines and schedules. Please talk to your child about what this looks like for them and how they feel about all the adjustments. I am here to answer any questions you have.

Please send a filled water bottle with your child each day. We do have a water bottle refilling station in our hallway but there will be limited access throughout the day.

Please do not send any toys etc. from home. If you think that there needs to be an exception made, please contact me. Any books brought from home will need to be sealed in a plastic bag. Only the student will be able to access this book and only during designated times.

A note from our Counsellor:

Bonjour!

My name is Bonnie Neil; I am happy to be returning to EB as the School Counsellor. September looks quite different this year for returning students and for Kindergarten students this is a very new experience. As there is a lot of uncertainty right now, it's important to know there are supports in place for your children. I will be working with teachers and staff to help provide social-emotion support for students in and out of the class. In our monthly school newsletter, I will include helpful information, website, and article links for parents. If you have any specific questions or would like to contact me, I can be reached at the school: 204.785.8284 or by email: bneil@lssd.ca. 😊

Finally, I want to ask for your patience. We are all working hard to make sure that this school year will be a positive experience for everyone, even with the uncertainty ahead. Without the amazing support we receive from our parents this would not be possible. Please take the time to look over the messages you have received from the school and talk about them with your child. There will be a lot of information coming to you and your child in the upcoming days and weeks. If you have any questions or need some clarification, please let me know. I am happy to help in any way I can. Together, we can make this school year a positive experience for everyone!!

Merci!!

Christiane Paré