

Term 1

Dear Grade 3 and 4 parents,

We have survived the first month! 😊 We have been very busy and are getting used to new routines and are adapting to the new style of learning. Here is our first newsletter to provide some information about our routines and what we will be teaching during the first term.

Social Distancing & Masks

Congratulations to all students who have been doing a great job remembering to wear masks and to social distance! Although we continue to need reminders on what this looks like, students have been great discussing and following routines. We have also discussed the importance of wearing masks correctly when closer than 2 meters. It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist us in emphasising the importance of these guidelines at home. Many students who feel anxious about this appreciate it when we can all be safe together.

No Sharing Policy

Due to Covid precautions, we have a strict no sharing policy in place this year. Unfortunately, this includes birthdays and classroom celebrations. We are unable to accept food brought in for birthdays. For other celebrations, such as Halloween, we will be asking parents to supply an extra treat for their own children.



Nut-Aware

Just a reminder that we are a peanut and nut aware school. Please refrain from sending items that contain (or may contain) these ingredients.

Halloween

As it currently stands, we are allowing students to dress in



costumes for Halloween this year. A few changes from last year are in place:

1. Students must arrive in costume; they will not be allowed to change at school due to space limitations.
2. No props or accessories (things that would be handheld – for example a wand, shield, etc) will be allowed. They can wear a mask that goes with their costumes, but this will only be worn in the afternoon and the Covid masks will still be required to be worn underneath them.
3. During the afternoon, we will be watching a movie. Students can bring in a G rated movie the day of the party and we will vote on the movie as a class.

Curriculum Overview

This term, we will be working on the following units:

Math:

- Addition and Subtraction using various strategies.
- Basic facts
- Representing numbers

We encourage our students to practice their basic facts at home. Some examples of how this can be done are playing games such as crib or math wars (just like war but they add or subtract 2 cards), playing online math games (check out our websites), or drills and quizzes. See attachment for more information about the basic facts.



Sciences Humaines:

- Connecting with Canadians – learning about what it means to be Canadian, their personal identity, how they fit into their community and rights and responsibilities as a Canadian citizen.

Science:

- Forces that Attract or Repel (muscular, gravity, magnets, and friction).



Français and English Language Arts:

- These will be integrated in other subject matters. We will be working on reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities.

Computer Programs

We will be sending out information about logins for the different programs. We are currently waiting for some of the programs to be activated and set up. We appreciate your patience.

Teams:

This will be used if remote learning takes place. We will be teaching the students how to use the program in class. If possible, please try downloading the program. We will send home login information for your child later. Step-by-step instructions for getting connected with Teams have been attached with this newsletter.

Netmath

This is a new program which we will start by using in class only so we can all learn and understand it. We will let students know when they can begin using it at home.

Raz-Kids

This will be the program we will use for home reading (both languages).

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This will mostly be used in class and if needed, remotely.

A Couple Reminders

Dressing for the Weather

It is very important that students dress for the weather. Sending extra clothes is encouraged as weather often changes. Also, most physical education classes are outdoors. In addition, students need both indoor and outdoor running shoes.

A Note from Mme. Beveridge

Just a reminder that your child needs an outdoor pair of runners, toque and gloves for phys. ed class. The students who have their hoods up to stay warm are colliding with other students because they have no peripheral vision. If they choose to wear rubber boots to school that's fine but they need to throw their outdoor runners in their backpack for class. Thank you in advance for your attention to this safety issue.

For your convenience, we have attached the document sent out by the division on what to do when your child is sick. You can also call Health Links at 1-888-315-9257.

Please check our websites regularly for more information.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by calling us at school or sending us an email.

Thank you!

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