

Dear Parents,

September 10th, 2020

Hello and welcome back!! I hope you all had a restful and active summer. I am so excited to be back in the classroom and teaching your children! I'm hoping the students are just as excited. I know that they are probably feeling a little nervous, so am I. It has been a while since some of the students have been in school and it is definitely looking different from a "normal" school start but I want to assure you that I will make every effort to make sure that your child is feeling safe and at ease to be back in the classroom. We will spend the next few weeks getting to know the COVID protocols and the classroom routines. My goal is to create a positive and engaging classroom environment for all students. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions or concerns. Before things start to get busy, I would like to go over a few items so that the classroom routines will run smoothly and efficiently all year long!

SCHOOL BAGS

The students need to have a good sized school bag. They will need to take duotangs and exercise books home for homework and are not allowed to carry the books out of the class in their hands. Their bags should be big enough to carry their belongings so that their duotangs, notebooks and projects are not ruined.

GYM STRIP

This year the students will be allowed to wear their gym strips to school on days they have PE. They will not have to get changed into their school uniform. The students do need to have a full gym strip (including white socks!) in order to go to P.E.. **Please, Please, Please** label your child's uniform and gym strip. Having all items labeled really helps out when we are looking for lost sweat pants or sweat tops! Please see the parent handbook for acceptable PE uniform.

** The students will be attending PE on **Tuesdays and Fridays.**

MONEY

I will be collecting money from the students for various events throughout the year. The students are asked to bring money only in envelopes with their name, grade and event written on the front. This will really help minimize the time it takes to collect notices and money.

Scholastic Book Orders: When ordering books from Scholastic please send the correct amount under the BC column.

HOMEWORK & HOMEWORK PLANNERS

The students will be writing their homework in their planners everyday. They will be checked and initialed/stamped by myself or an EA. The planner will play a very important part in keeping your child organized throughout the year, in addition, it will keep you informed as to what your son/daughter must complete for homework. The students will be assigned homework almost everyday and will also be taking home any work that she/he should have completed during class time. This will help your child keep up with the class and not fall behind. Regular homework assignments should not take more than 40 minutes to complete.

If your child is having difficulty completing their homework, it is very important that you either write me, email or give me a call. Most of the homework assignments will be a continuation or review of an activity or concept covered in class. If your child continually gets frustrated over a certain assignment, it is important that I know so that we can give them the extra help they need to understand the concept. All homework planners **MUST** be initialed daily by a parent.

SUPPLIES

Student supplies have been ordered and all materials will be stored in class for the year. In order to reduce cost there were a few items that were not ordered because they can be used from year to year. These items include a pencil case, scissors and a pencil sharpener (sharpeners with pencil shaving holders are recommended). I would appreciate if these items can be brought to school as soon as possible. The students must all have a pencil box/case to keep pencils, erasers, felts, etc..... . In order to complete some activities at home the students should have some additional supplies, such as: felts, scissors, a ruler and a glue stick, at home. Thank you.

LUNCHES

The students are asked to bring a healthy lunch from home. What a student eats at recess and lunch really affects their energy levels and behaviour throughout the day. No fast food or items that may contain nuts or peanuts. We are also trying to cut down on the amount of garbage in the school, thus, each student should have a proper lunch bag and sandwich or food container. As you may recall, the students are not allowed to drink pop. Water or milk are recommended.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

I will be posting a monthly newsletter on the school website to inform parents of the Curriculum concepts and activities the students will be working on throughout the month. It will also inform parents of important dates to keep in mind.

I hope that these reminders will answer any questions you may have for now. I will be keeping you posted on important items that may come up. If you have any concerns or questions about the information above or any other item, please feel free to contact me via email or at school in the morning or in the afternoon.
My email is: fatimagaspar@spev.ca.

I look forward to working with your children, may God bless us all with a safe and healthy year.

Thank you!!!

Ms. Fatima Gaspar

