

Wow!!! What a busy and fun week. We have seventeen returning students in our class this year.☺ I would like to welcome everyone to Division 3. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

During the month of September we will be setting up classroom routines and getting to know each other. At the beginning of each term I will be sending home the learning outcomes that we expect to cover during that term. Newsletters will also be coming home monthly and bi-monthly after Christmas letting you know what is happening in our class and what to watch for in the coming month. I will also be sending home a detailed weekly schedule prior to each week.

School Supplies

One very important classroom goal is creating a caring, cooperative learning environment. Part of this process includes sharing our school supplies. We will be learning how to care for items that others will also be using. The school has purchased the supplies for each student. The total for Primary School Supplies is \$45.00.

Can you also send: one tissue box, a set of headphones and indoor shoes (laces only if your child is able to tie them). I would also like to ask for a few more items.

Hand Sanitizer (the line to wash our hands gets very long before recess and lunch) – Ada, Brayden, Carys and Eddie. Students can chose to wash their hands with soap or use hand sanitizer.

Large Zip Lock Freezer Bags –Gabreila, Justin, Kaia, Mackenna, Maisie, Sareh and Tristan Chandra please bring in one box of large bags.

Baby Wipes (unscented) (for wiping down desks prior to lunch time) – Tristan Jackson, Treyton, Josh, Kingston, Lucas and Zoey - please bring in one box or bag of wipes.

Please send in the additional items as well as the money as soon as possible. Thanks. ☺

Please ensure the school has your correct email address. **All communication from here on will be sent home via email.**

If you have any questions about your child or our classroom, feel free to contact me at school 604-858-3057 or by email at carla_thompson@sd33.bc.ca.

September Reminders:

September 17	Cops for Cancer Visit
September 18	Scholastic Order Due
September 18	Student Photo Day
September 20	Meet & Greet BBQ 5:00 – 6:30
September 27	Terry Fox Run
September 28	Orange Shirt Day

Finns Friends

Our class will be following the Fins Friends program this year. Our focus will be on kindness, perseverance, and peacefulness. Fin will be going home with each student throughout the year. Please ask your child what they are learning through Fin's lessons. Kindness will be our focus during the first term.

Drop off and Pick ups

Students will be entering the classroom through the outside door off the parking lot. In order to promote their independence and self-confidence, I ask that you say goodbye at the door. This will also help them settle in quickly to their work. The first bell is at 8:11 am and I will be opening the outside door by 8:14 am. If students arrive at school after the outside door is closed they will need to go to the office for a late slip before coming to class. On rainy mornings students will be invited to wait in the library. Pick up after school is at 2:05 pm. Students will be dismissed at our outside classroom door.

Meet and Greet BBQ

Our Meet and Greet BBQ will take place Thursday, September 20 from 5 – 6:60 pm. Hot dogs will be served. ☺ I'm looking forward to meeting all the families.

Class Rules/Expectations

We have come up with several expectations that we agree should be followed in our class. Our class expectations are:

1. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
2. Follow instructions and always do your best.
3. Be respectful of others (ex. if someone is speaking, wait your turn).
4. Treat others the way you want to be treated (kindness).

If the expectations cannot be met:

1. a warning will be given
2. the student will be removed from the situation within the classroom
3. the student will be asked to leave the classroom
4. the student will go work in another classroom (and a note or phone call would go home)
5. my last option is to call Mr. Klassen (a call, email or note home)

If something major were to occur, a letter would be sent home for you the parent to sign and return to the school. I would rather work proactively with you to make this year a positive

experience for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at the mentioned number, email address or after school.

Student Teacher

We are very lucky to have Ms. Morgan joining us from SFU. She will be with us until December as she completes her last practicum before graduation. I am always excited when we are fortunate enough to receive practicum students because your children receives more attention as there are two teachers that are able to support your child's learning.

Back and Forth Folders

Folders will be used on a daily basis as a reminder of what's happening in our class and/or school and what may need to be accomplished at home that evening. Please check this folder every night. It will also be used as a communication book between home and school. This year I will be emailing the "Week at a Glance" prior to each week starting.

Star of the Week

Each week will be celebrating a new star. Each star of the week will be given a poster to be completed for the following Monday. Throughout the week the "Star" will have special tasks.

Monday – Star Chart

Tuesday – Reader's Chair (5 minutes from a rehearsed/favourite book)

Wednesday – Show n' tell item

Gym Clothing and Routines

Indoor shoes are needed to keep our school and gym clean. Please provide your child with non-marking runners that fit snug. If your child is not able to tie their own laces yet, please send them shoes with Velcro. Please ensure your child wears proper active clothing on PE days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Gym Strip includes; shorts or sweat pants (any pant without zippers), T-shirt and a sweatshirt on the cooler days.

Scholastic Book Orders

Each month a new book order will be sent home. There is no obligation to purchase books from Scholastic. For every order made through Scholastic Book Clubs, our classroom receives coupons to purchase books. If you would like to purchase books please fill out the order form(s) and bring in a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada (you can also pay online this year).

Library

Our library day will be on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure your child brings their books back to school on Monday so they can be processed before Tuesday. Your child will also be receiving a plastic book bag to protect the books as they go home in their backpacks.

Parent Volunteers

Volunteers are needed and welcome in our class. Please let me know if you are able to help us out on a regular basis or on special occasions. Parents who volunteer in the classrooms are required to attend a parent volunteer meeting with Mr. Klassen prior to volunteering (every three years). If you would like to help out in our class or on a field trip a Criminal Record Check needs to be filled out and brought to the RCMP station (if you've already done this, it does not need to be done again). We may venture out into the community with parents as drivers. If you would like to drive a Driver's Form needs to be filled out at the office.

Lunch with the Teacher

After Christmas I will be inviting all the students (two at a time) to have lunch with me in the pod area. I will be providing the lunch (homemade macaroni and cheese and a drink box). Dates of these lunches will be published in the Week at a Glance as well as the newsletters. If your child does not like the lunch provided they are welcome to bring their own and eat it with us.

Nut Sensitive School

We are a "nut sensitive school" and do have a severe nut allergy in our class. We are asking you not to send nut products (ex. peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches) to school with your children.