

# Grade 2 September Newsletter

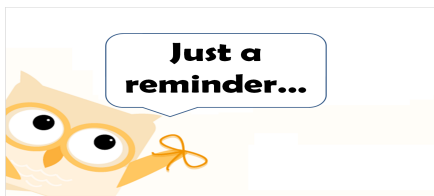


## Mrs. Bezubiak's Class

We have had an exciting start to our new year. I feel so fortunate to be your child's teacher!! Our first couple of days of school we have been building classroom community, reading great stories, playing math games, reading, writing and learning about our classroom expectations and routines. We have also discussed what we would like to learn in Grade 2, what we would like to have in our classroom environment and how everyone would like to be treated. I am looking forward to learning and growing with your child this year.

### **Class Hours**

Our class hours are 8:45-3:16 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday our hours are from 8:45-12:18 pm. The bell to enter the school is at 8:40 a.m. If your child arrives early, they are to play in the supervised playground until the bell rings and enter from the grades 1-3 door. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:25 a.m. Once your child has been let into the school, they will come in the school and get ready for the day. We are encouraging independence entering and exiting the school. The students are showing great responsibility and we would appreciate your support in allowing them to do so.



### **Reminders and Requests:**

- ✓ Please send in a **family photo**, students will be talking about their families.
- ✓ Please send in the attached Student information form.
- ✓ Dress for the weather; recesses are outdoors!
- ✓ Continue to practice zipping up zippers and tying shoelaces at home.
- ✓ Please send in all school supplies as well as a change of clothes in a labeled Ziploc bag.
- ✓ Call the school office if your child is sick or will be away from school.
- ✓ Scholastic book order forms will be sent home once a month. This is a great way to order children's books. Please pay online. **NO CASH.**

### **Recess Snacks and Lunch:**

As part of our Health curriculum we will be looking at Canada's food guide and discussing healthy food choices. Please ensure your child has a healthy nut-free snack for recess and a well-balanced lunch. Please also send a labeled water bottle with a non-spill top with your child daily. We encourage the children to take them home everyday after school so they can be washed and returned to school the next day.

## **Agendas and Kanga Pouches:**

Your child will be using their agenda as a communication tool between home and school. This agenda will come home from school and be returned to school every day. It can be safely transported in your child's Kanga Pouch. They will print a message each day that may tell about something we have done at school or a reminder or an upcoming event. Please read and sign the agenda each night. If you have a message for me, the agenda is the best place to write it as I check them every morning. Please note if your child needs their Kanga Pouch replaced they can be purchased at the office for \$10.

## **Home Reading:**

We will be beginning our home reading program in a couple of weeks. Each student is expected to read for 15 minutes each night. Remember that home reading should be a POSITIVE experience. Dedicate a space for cozy reading time and snuggle in to share a love for reading with your child.

## **Birthdays**

Your child's birthday is a very special time; we focus on how your child is a beautiful gift from God. To celebrate your child's birthday, please send in a USB with about 30 pictures of your child from ages 0-6. I will create a special slideshow with music to see how unique your beautiful child is and how they have grown over the years. Please do not send in any cupcakes or treats. I will also send back the USB with the slideshow on it and your child can share it with your family.

## **Classroom volunteers:**

If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email with the day and time you are available. I love to have volunteers in the class to assist with project work or to help prepare materials. Any time you are available is greatly appreciated! Volunteers are welcome starting the beginning of October. Upon arrival at the school, please ensure you have signed in at the office and completed a district volunteer form.

## **Meet the Staff Night/ Cupcake Sale for the Mustard Seed**

All parents are invited to the school on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30. to meet the 2019-2020 Our Lady of Victories staff. You are welcome to join us for staff introductions and information on the Grade 2 program.

The grade 1 and 5/6 class will also be hosting a cupcake sale to raise money for sandwich supplies to feed the homeless at the Mustard Seed during their week at City Hall school. We invite you to enjoy a yummy treat and contribute to this important cause!

Please also consider putting your name forward for a role on our School Council Executive.

## **Power School**

Power School is a website that will be used throughout the year. Please ensure you visit the office to get a log in i.d. for Power School. Your child's progress reports on subjects will only be accessible electronically via Power School. As well, any payments (field trips, bussing, in school activities)

throughout the year can be made online through this website. Please familiarize yourself with the website and any questions can be directed to our secretary Mrs. Barnabe who is happy to help.

## **Electronic Newsletter**

Beginning in October, the class monthly newsletter will be posted on our school website and sent by email as we move to a paperless format. Other important pieces of information will also be sent out by email. Please ensure you have provided a current email address that the newsletter can be sent to.

## **Response Form**

The attached form included in this newsletter is to be completed and returned to school by September 16<sup>th</sup>. It will help me get to know your child a bit better. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Questions or concerns:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through the agenda, email or via the phone before or after school. You can contact me at [Michelle.bezubiak@ecsd.net](mailto:Michelle.bezubiak@ecsd.net) or at the school at (780) 489-7630.

## **Upcoming dates and events:**

**Monday, September 16-** Student information sheet and family photos due to Mrs. Bezubiak

**Wednesday, September 18-** Meet the Teacher & Cupcake sale at 6:30 pm

**Thursday, September 19-** Scholastic book orders due

**Wednesday, September 11-** School celebration at 10:00 am

**Wednesday, September 25-** Terry Fox run

I look forward to meeting with you on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Meet the Teacher!

Sincerely,

Michelle Bezubiak

# Student Information Sheet

Please return this page to school by September 16.

Please answer the questions below, as this will help me to get to know your child a little better.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's birthday date \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Issues or Concerns/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact information \*please ensure the email is up to date as most classroom information will be sent via email.

1<sup>st</sup> Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your child's strengths or interests?

What would your child like to improve upon this year?

Please share anything you would like me to know about your child (i.e. what are his/her likes and dislikes?).