

# Welcome to Grade Three!



Welcome to grade three! My name is Mrs. Tami McMillan and I am thrilled to be teaching your children this year. We've had a smooth, busy classroom this first week. I'm really enjoying getting to know your children!

We will be spending time this year on various activities that build a classroom and school culture of caring. In order for students to learn, they need to feel safe and cared for within a positive, inviting environment. Throughout September, the students will be learning classroom rules and procedures that will help them be successful throughout the school year. These routines will help students to develop independence and demonstrate effective problem-solving strategies. Hopefully your child is sharing many parts of their school day with you.

## Meet the Teacher:

All parents are invited to the school on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 to meet the Our Lady of Victories staff. You are welcome to join us for staff introductions and information on the Grade Three program. I look forward to seeing you.

## Class Hours:

Our class hours are 8:45am -3:16pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Thursday our hours are from 8:45am – 12:18pm. The bell to enter the school is at 8:40am. If children arrive early, they can play in the supervised playground until the bell rings. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:25am. The grade three students are to enter and exit through the k-3 southeast door of the school. We are encouraging independence entering and exiting the school. The students are showing great responsibility and we appreciate your support in allowing them to do so.

## Agendas:

In grade three students are working hard to learn organizational skills and become more responsible for their learning. We will be using an agenda as a tool to learn and practice these skills. Your child is asked to bring their agenda to school every day. In grade three we use agendas for regular communication between school and home. Important information is regularly written in the agenda and I ask that parents please read and initial the agenda daily. I will check the agendas each morning, so please feel free to write me a note. I will also initial so that you know I've received your message. Important documents and paperwork can be found in the front pocket of the agenda. Agendas and other important paperwork are sent in your child's kanga pouch. If your child is new to the school or has lost their pouch, please contact the office to purchase a replacement pouch for \$10.



**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, busing, in school activities) throughout the year can be made online through this website. Please familiarize yourself with the portal and any questions can be directed to our secretary Mrs. Barnabe who is happy to help.

**Healthy Snacks/Lunches:**

Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and a nutritious lunch. Please send your child with a spill-proof water bottle to keep at their table during the day that is filled with water only. I encourage your child to take their water bottle home each night to be cleaned. Juice boxes are allowed at lunch time only.

**Shoes:**

Students will need a pair of indoor running shoes to be kept at school. This keeps the school clean and ensures safety during physical education class.

**Scholl Advisory Council:**

Parents are invited to become part of our SAC. The school advisory council is currently looking for parents to fill the roll of treasurer or room representatives.

**Birthdays:**

Our class will celebrate student birthdays with a birthday blessing, song, class card, compliment circle, and treat bag. Students are welcome to share a nut free food if they wish. Please check with me for any allergies before bringing any food items in. Also, please ensure there is enough to be shared with our class of 21 students.

I am looking forward to a great school year. Please feel free to contact me either by phone @ 780-489-7630 or by email @ [tami.mcmillan@ecsd.net](mailto:tami.mcmillan@ecsd.net) at any time throughout the school year if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic or social development.

Sincerely,  
Tami McMillan

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Student Information Form Due Monday, September 16
- Opening Celebration Wednesday, September 11 @ 10:00 with Fr. Dean
- Meet the teacher Wednesday, September 18 @ 6:30pm
- Terry Fox Run Wednesday, September 25

**Student Information Form**

**Please return this page to school by September 16**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What name does your child prefer to be called, (i.e. Jonathan prefers John)?

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2. Your child's birthday date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mother's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Who are the members of your family?

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_ Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Tell me about your family's culture(s). What languages are spoken in your home?

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6. Does your child have any allergies (i.e. peanuts) or medical conditions (i.e. asthma) that I may need to be aware of? If so, please explain any special care that I may need to know about?

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7. How would you describe your son/daughter?

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8. What is one important thing you would like me to know about your child?

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9. What does your child like to do for fun?

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10. What hopes and goals do you have for your child this year?

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11. Please write any additional comments or information you would like to share on the back of this page.