



September 2009

Mrs. Vreman Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Rumford

Welcome to grade one. We have a very exciting year planned. We look forward to getting to know all of the children in our grade on class.

We have decided that since the children ended their time in Senior Kindergarten with a Pirate theme we will begin our year with the same theme. If your child has any favourite books about Pirates they are welcome to bring them in to share with the class.

Agendas

We will be using agendas on a daily basis. The cost of the agenda is \$7.00.

Supplies

While the school board supplies most of the necessary supplies, it is helpful if your child has their own glue stick (please keep in mind that the cheap ones do not usually work), markers, a pencil case and a pencil sharpener. If you could also send in a box of tissues it would be appreciated. Your child will also need a pair of indoor running shoes to be kept at school for physical education. We have phys.ed. on Day 3 and Day 5. Your child must have running shoes in order to be able to participate.

Days 1-5

We are moving to a five day cycle. Our schedule will no longer go by the day of the week, but by the day number. A calendar will come home shortly which will make it easier to keep track of the day. Currently, our schedule is as follows. Day 1 Library
Day 2 Music
Day 3 Phys Ed.
Drama
Day 4 Art
Day 5 Phys Ed.

New School Times

- 8:40 Playground open
- 8:55 Classes begin
- 9:45 Second period
- 10:35 Recess
- 10:50 Third period
- 11:40 lunch (outdoor time)
- 12:00 lunch (indoor time)
- 12:20 Fourth period
- 1:10 Recess
- 1:25 Fifth period
- 2:15 Sixth period
- 3:05 Dismissal

I like to make sure that the children are picked up safely. If you have to make changes to who is picking up your child, please let me know.



Upcoming Events

- September 23 picture day
- September 24 Meet the Staff barbecue 4-6
- September 25 Crazy Hair day book orders

Curriculum Corner

Language Arts – letters of the alphabet and their sounds, proper letter formation, books about colours and friends.

Math – Number Sense and Patterning (quantity of numbers and relationships between numbers)

Social Studies – Character Traits and ways to be a good classroom citizen.

- Art – taught by Ms. Radford
- Music – taught by Ms. Radford
- Drama – taught by Ms. Radford



Lunch

Grade one children eat lunch in the classroom. They are supervised by grade eight students and lunch aides. I am suggesting that you put a face cloth or wash cloth in their lunch bag for them to use as a place mat. This helps to keep their work area clean. I encourage the children to bring home anything they don't eat so you will know how much to pack them. This year we will have 40 minutes for lunch.

Please send in a bottle of water for you child to keep at their desk. I allow them to have water at their desks, but not juice in case of spills. I provide time during the day for children to fill their bottles.

