

Mrs. Gallagher's Grade 5 September News

Facts From The Fabulous Fives

September 8th,



Welcome Back!

It's that time of year again and we are beginning an interesting and new type of learning in Grade 5 this year. I am looking forward to working with each student and their families, we will make the most out of our learning experience this year!! Our class is a full one with 27 students at this point that have opted for in class learning. Our desks are distanced to the best of our ability in the class due to the numbers but are not all 1M apart. During our staggered start, students will be introduced to the new policies and procedures as well they be completing diagnostics that will help me to assess your child's areas of strengths and needs, these results will not be a part of their report card marks.

Communication:

Agendas: were ordered and will be given to students, kept in class as a resource and to use independently. **NO CHARGE FOR AGENDAS THIS YEAR AS WE WILL NOT BE USING THEM for communication purposes, I will not be checking them and students will not be handing them in to me.**

Brightspace is a program that our school will be using to communicate also, (see note), I will post daily schedules, events and upcoming info and activities on this site. You can access it through the board website. If your child is absent they can check what was missed and catch up by following the daily Brightspace posts.

Emails: Although I will be sending emails, I prefer not to use it as a form of communication to deal with any student related issues. If you have any concerns please call me at the school or send me a brief email that you wish to speak with me and I will contact you as soon as possible. Please note that I may not always see your email right away and will respond with a phone call when possible. Please note that if I am not calling from the school phone, and using my personal phone then it will show up on your caller ID as "unknown caller".

Absences: If your child is absent please call the office. Please DO NOT EMAIL ME an absence or change in pickup, as I do not always have a chance to check my emails during the day. It is the student's responsibility to check Brightspace to see what was missed/assigned each day. Parents, please check Brightspace on a regular basis to find out what is happening in the class,

New Procedures:

- Parents are not permitted on school property unless an appointment has been made and you must sign in at the office.
- The library is closed to students, book exchange will not be happening at this point in time.
- Only one set of shoes is required please make sure that they are appropriate for outdoor PE
- No shared materials (including pens/pencils/rulers/art materials etc.)
- When sending in a box of Kleenex, please make it an individual size that can be kept inside their desk.
- During recess equipment can not be used (no equipment from home) and physical distancing will be encouraged.
- Water fountains are closed however, the refill stations are available, please send in refillable water bottles to be used daily.
- Masks are required all day except for recess/eating times. A paper bag will be provided to each student to keep on their desk to store their mask when not in use.
- Please have students apply sunscreen at home and dress for outdoor phys-ed and activities.



- **Please be patient as rules/regulations may change as we learn new things during this process.**

Homework Policy: Homework is not usually assigned, unless your child did not complete work in the allotted class time. Class time will always be given to work on both daily assignments and longer projects.

Code of Conduct:

It is expected that students behave in a respectful manner that demonstrates our Catholic Values when interacting with students and staff. Students that are infringing on the rights of others violate the Code of Conduct that we as a class will create. Students that infringe on the rights of others will be reminded of the rules, spoken to again if need be, and you will be notified by a phone call home.

New Math Curriculum:

As you are probably aware there is a new math curriculum that has been introduced. The board is waiting for the government to provide guidance as to how they want to proceed with it's delivery, especially during the pandemic. We need to ensure that we are consistent with the students that are choosing "distance learning". As I am made aware, I will let you know.

Phys-Ed

Students will not be changing for gym this year as per the guidelines, gym will be a bit different this year. More info to follow.

Extra Assistance:

At times each student may find a concept challenging. I will try my best to meet the needs of all students during regular class instruction/work periods, students are encouraged to ask for extra help when needed.

Tests/Quizzes:

Tests/Quizzes and Assignments will be happening throughout the year to monitor student understanding and achievement. Students will be given at least 1 week notice of the test. Quizzes and assignments may be given at any time, however usually there will be a 3 day notice.

School Supplies:

A list of requested supplies was sent home at the end of last year and is posted on the school website. There are some changes It will be posted on Brightspace and the school website as well If your child has missed bringing in something they will be able to let you know. Please note that sharing of school supplies between students is not possible right now.

Units of Study for September:

Math: Number & TBD Science: Properties and Changes in Matter Social Studies: First Nations and Early European Contacts

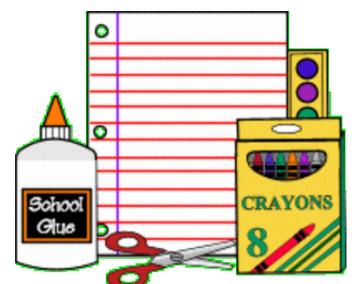
Language: Reading Mystery and Making Connections, Writing: Generating ideas Media: Purpose and Audience within websites/movies (media)

Religion: We Are God's Work of Art Family Life: Created and Loved by God

Health: Personal Safety, Phys-ed: Co-operative Games, Art: Line/Shape and value Music: Composers/ Notes review

September Birthdays:

- Payton: September 15th Levi: September 17th
- Alyssa: September 23rd Elora: September 27th
- Lexie: September 29th



things about me



I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the students in the class already, and have taught some of the siblings. For those who do not know me, I thought I would introduce myself.

Things about me:

- I have been teaching since 1999, in several different grades/roles.
- I live in Haldimand County with my husband and two boys (who are also students within this school board) and we have two dogs.
- I have a wide variety of interests:

Sports-hockey, baseball, football, volleyball etc.

Hobbies: reading, knitting, sewing, baking, gardening, and other crafts.

I love camping, fishing, being in nature and spending time with my family.

