



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a restful and joyful Christmas break. My name is Mrs. Jackie Bassett, and I am very excited to be joining the Grade 6 class as the new classroom teacher this January.

I have already received such a warm welcome from the school community, and I look forward to getting to know each student better as we start this new chapter together. My goal is to create a supportive, structured, and engaging learning environment where every child feels confident and motivated to grow. January will be a month of new routines, refreshed expectations, and lots of learning.

REMINDERS

- Planners: Please sign planners daily.
- Reading: Students should read 20–30 minutes each evening.
- Please sign and return all permission forms as soon as possible.
- Immunizations – January 19
- Downhill skiing at the Hart Ski Hill – January 28

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH

MATH: We will continue strengthening our multiplication facts to support accuracy and fluency. We will also be continuing our unit on operations with whole numbers. We will be focusing right now on multi digit division.

LANGUAGE ARTS: We will be starting our poetry and figurative language unit, where students will explore imagery, metaphors, similes, and sensory writing. We will also begin our next novel study, *Touching Spirit*

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Bear, focusing on comprehension and discussion skills. Students will continue developing their writing through structured activities that build strong vocabulary and expressive detail.

SCIENCE: We will be beginning our unit on the endocrine system. Students will learn about different glands, the hormones they produce, and how these hormones help regulate growth and body functions. This unit will include diagrams, hands-on activities, and opportunities to connect what they learn to real-life examples.

SOCIAL STUDIES: We will be starting our unit Let's End Poverty, which explores the causes and impacts of poverty locally and globally. Students will learn about global citizenship and consider how individuals and communities can take action to promote fairness and justice. This unit encourages thoughtful discussion and helps students understand their role in creating positive change.

RELIGION: We will be learning about the role of the Sacraments and how they help us grow in our faith. Students will explore the meaning and purpose of each Sacrament, and how these special moments connect us to God and to our church community. We will also continue to participate in daily prayer and reflect on how we can live out our faith in our actions.

Career: We will be learning about the importance of contributing to our community and how small actions can make a meaningful difference. Students will explore what it means to be responsible, engaged citizens both inside and outside of school. Through discussions and activities, they will reflect on ways they can use their strengths to positively impact others.

Health: We will be beginning our unit on substance misuse prevention and learning how to make safe, informed choices. Students will explore the effects of substances on the body and discuss strategies for handling peer pressure and risky situations. Our focus will be on building confidence, awareness, and healthy decision-making skills.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 5 – First day back

January 19 – Grade 6 Vaccines

January 21 – School Mass

January 28 – Ski Day with grade 7's at Hart Ski Hill

Warmly,

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