



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer. I am very excited to welcome students back to school and begin a new year of learning together. September is always an exciting time as we settle into new routines, reconnect with friends, and begin building a positive and supportive classroom community.

Throughout the year, students will be encouraged to challenge themselves, take responsibility for their learning, and continue developing their independence and confidence. I am looking forward to getting to know each student better and working together with families to make this a successful and enjoyable Grade 6 year.

Communication between home and school is very important. This year, I will be using the **Remind app** as one way to communicate with families. I will use Remind to share quick classroom updates, important reminders, upcoming dates, and other helpful information throughout the school year.

I will also send home **monthly newsletters** with a more detailed look at what we are learning, important dates, upcoming events, and classroom news.

Please make sure you are connected to our class on Remind so you don't miss any important messages. You can join our grade 6 class here:

https://www.remind.com/join/fa2gk4h?utm_medium=ios

I look forward to keeping in touch and working together to support a great year in Grade 6!

REMINDERS

- **Planners:** Please sign planners daily. I want the students to get in the habit of writing two entries each day, this should be homework and/or reminders of upcoming event.
- **Reading:** Students should read 20–30 minutes each evening.
- Please sign and return all permission forms as soon as possible.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING THIS MONTH

MATH: Using the My Math Path textbook, students will begin the year by focusing on Number Sense and Operations. They will strengthen their understanding of numbers, place value, and operations while developing strategies for solving problems accurately and confidently. I highly encourage students to practice their multiplication facts until they are memorized, as having strong recall will make many areas of math much easier throughout the year.

LANGUAGE ARTS: We will begin the year by strengthening foundational reading and writing skills. Students will focus on building clear, complete sentences and using a variety of sentence types to make their writing more effective. We will

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also begin developing strong paragraphs and introducing the basic skills needed for essay writing. Cursive writing will be incorporated into our everyday classroom routine to help students build fluency, neatness, and confidence in their handwriting.

SCIENCE: We will begin the year with a unit on physics, focusing on the principles of motion and the forces that affect it. Students will explore how objects move and investigate the different forces that can change an object's speed, direction, or motion.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Using the *Global Issues and Governance* textbook, we will begin by exploring how place and governance help shape identity. Students will consider how where people live, the communities they belong to, and the systems that govern them influence their perspectives and sense of identity.

RELIGION: We will attend Mass each week and begin and end each day with prayer as we grow together in faith as a class community. We will begin the year by exploring God's plan and covenant. Students will reflect on God's creation, His relationship with humanity, and the meaning of the covenant throughout Scripture and in our lives today.

CAREER: We will begin with a focus on personal development, exploring individual strengths, interests, and values. Students will reflect on what makes them unique and how these qualities can help guide their learning, goals, and future choices.

HEALTH: We will begin by focusing on healthy relationships and the qualities that make them positive and respectful. Students will explore the importance of healthy relationships with peers and adults, while also developing strategies for communication, problem-solving, and resolving conflicts in a respectful way.

ADST: We will begin the year by reviewing Google Classroom and key computer skills. Students will practise navigating digital platforms, using computers and communication devices effectively, troubleshooting simple problems, and developing safe, efficient keyboarding and ergonomic habits. ADST will be weaved throughout other subjects as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, September 11 - School Mass at 9 am
- Thursday, September 17 - Open House at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 22 - Walk to Shane Lake with grade 7's (permission forms to follow)
- Friday, September 18 - Kodiak Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run at 10:45 am
- September 21-24 - Testing Week
- Friday, September 25 - Pro D Day. No school
- Tuesday, September 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- Wednesday, September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. No school

Warmly,

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