

# GRADE 4 NEWS

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Ms. O'Brien

Dear Parents

Welcome to Grade 4! I am excited to be back in the classroom and am looking forward to getting to know these students! We are working on our classroom routines and settling in now as *intermediates*. We get to be BIG BUDDIES this year to the Grade 1 students! Yay! It is a great chance to demonstrate leadership!

Following are some of our routines for the year.

**PLANNERS.** We will use planners in class every day to keep track of assignments, forms and important dates. **Please SIGN PLANNERS daily.** This helps you ensure your child is prepared for school and I know whether or not you know your child has or hasn't completed assignments.

**COMMUNICATION.** Please feel free to write short notes in the planner, particularly with regards to **daily homework assignments** (for example, if it was a busy evening and there was no time to complete homework **OR** if your child really struggled with an assignment).

Please note that for absences, **email** is the preferred method of communication as we need a written record.

**HOMEWORK.** You can expect your child to have **some** homework during the week. Homework will generally consist of **completing assignments** (e.g. Spelling workbook) and **studying** (e.g. for Spelling tests etc.). **IF** your child has time (no assignments to complete), they could be working on **independent daily reading**, practicing **math facts**, and/or **word processing** (when we get set up).

There is generally **no homework on weekends** except catch-up (late work or work missed while away).

**SPELLING.** Tuesday is our Spelling day. We have our **SPELLING TEST on TUESDAYS**. We also introduce the **new spelling words** for the week and write the list in our planner. Our **spelling workbook** goes home on *Tuesday* and students return it completed (on or before) *Friday*.

**TECHNOLOGY.** Over the next month, we will be starting up with technology again. Students will use **Google Classroom** in class for some tasks (assignments and quizzes) and the goal is for them to be able to navigate these platforms **independently**. We will be spending time in class regularly

to practice word processing on *Typing.com*. Once set up, I encourage students to practice this regularly at home, especially if they do not have class catch-up work to do for homework. We will also be playing *Prodigy* in class. This is a computer game that asks students Math and Language Arts questions which I can align to the topics we are working on in class.

We are unable to use *FreshGrade* this year. At present we are trying to find a new platform to communicate student progress.

**STAFF.** We will have various staff working with us this year. Miss Ames will be teaching PE, Mme. Conway will be teaching French, and Mrs. Caesar will be teaching Music. Our EAs in the class this year will be Mrs. Harris and Miss Landry. I am happy that Ms. Nachbaur, will also be helping in our classroom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**SCHOLASTIC.** I will send home flyers for the *Scholastic* reading book clubs. If you chooses to purchase items using our *class code: RC194425*, some money goes toward my class account. I can then use it to buy other books and supplies for the class/classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email at [kobrien@cispg.ca](mailto:kobrien@cispg.ca) or at school by phone at 250-964-4362.

Sincerely,

Kate O'Brien