

Grade 4 News

September 2023

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 us work together to ensure your child is prepared for school. Please note that I look to see if planners are signed, but students are responsible for handing in any money or forms or homework that were in planner pouches.

COMMUNICATION. Please feel free to write short notes in the planner, particularly with regards to **daily homework assignments**. Please let me know if there was no time to complete homework **OR** if your child really struggled with an assignment.

For absences, an **email** to the office (and me) is the preferred method of communication.

HOMEWORK. You can expect your child to have **some** homework during the week. Homework will generally consist of **completing assignments** (mostly the Spelling workbook) and **studying** (e.g. for Spelling tests etc.).

IF you are looking for more homework, students should be working on **daily reading** for 15-20 minutes, 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 work 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 complete other tasks for homework. We will also be playing ***Prodigy*** in class. This is a computer game that asks students Math and Language Arts questions. I can align questions to the topics we are working on in class.

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

Looking forward to meeting you at the Open House on September 21st at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Kate O'Brien