



Welcome to Grade One!

Dear Parents,

We are so excited about the upcoming year! We love being a part of the Central Community and can't wait to begin a wonderful learning adventure with your child! The year ahead will be filled with many engaging learning opportunities for your little one. Most of the routines we would like to create with the children, allowing them to take pride and ownership in our classroom; however, there are a few routines we plan to put in place which will help keep the classroom running smoothly and you in the know! We have included some information to help us get the year off to a great start!

Shoes: Please send your child with comfortable, supportive running shoes to wear indoors and to gym class. Our class will have gym two times per week. Children cannot participate safely without proper footwear. It is also recommended that children have a pair of outdoor shoes to change into at recess.

Class Website and Email: With busy schedules, we appreciate that technology can be a quick and easy way to stay connected. Email will be the main form of communication with our parent community this year. While we do check email daily, it is often possible that emails are not checked until the end of the day. **If you need a message to get to your child's teacher the same day, please handwrite a note for your child to give to their teacher upon their arrival to school (e.g., a different dismissal routine for a particular day) or call the office to have them relay your change of plans into the classroom teacher.**

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Drop-off and Pickup Routines: Supervision begins on the playground at 8:25 a.m. **New this year! The first entry bell rings at 8:35 a.m. The final bell and instruction begin at 8:40 a.m.** Beginning next Monday, grade one students will begin free entry to the school in the morning. At that time, parents are asked to have children enter the blacktop area and independently enter the front doors of the school. Children will proceed to their cubby/locker and then into our classroom. Children arriving by bus will be greeted by an educator on duty in the bus area. At the end of the day, children will be dismissed to their parent/guardian just outside of the front doors of the school. **This can often be a very busy time at the front of the school, and because of this, we would like to ask that you wait until your child is dismissed to you instead of approaching the class. An important part of this process is dismissing children safely and allowing us to get to know who our parents are. As such, children will be asked to wait patiently so they can be dismissed one at a time. Thank you in advance for your patience at the end of the day.**

Student Verification Forms: You will be receiving these forms from the school electronically again this year. Please read them over and make sure all information is up-to-date and correct. Please return the forms to the office ASAP so they can be processed.

Keep Us Informed Throughout the period of a school year, a variety of changes can take place within a family; both happy and/or challenging which can impact your child's behaviour, attention and emotions. In order for us to understand and be as supportive as possible, it is helpful to be made aware of these changes.

Getting to Know Your Child A separate parent questionnaire called "Getting To Know You" is included in your child's zippy today. We would like to know as much as possible about your child to provide a comfortable and personable learning environment for them as they begin a new school year. Would you please return this form no later than Friday of this week.

Welcome to Grade 1 - it's going to be an amazing year!



Very sincerely,

Mrs. Bodycote, Mrs. Hammel, and Mrs. Murray