

Dear Parents & Guardians

I am truly excited to be teaching your child this year. School procedures and class routines look different this year as we endeavour to follow COVID-19 protocols. Teachers have participated in training and signs have been posted in our school to help students and their families adjust to our new normal. In the first few weeks, we will spend a lot of time learning and practicing these new procedures. **Wearing masks, maintaining physical distance** and engaging in **frequent hand sanitizing/washing** will quickly become a part of our daily routine.

Student Supplies

I have provided students with the following basic tools and materials for individual use; Students will keep their items on their own, individual container/plastic baggie which I have provided. If students wish to bring their own supplies they are free to do so knowing that **all personal supplies will need to be left at school**.

Students will need to bring **2 refillable water bottles** as water fountains will not be in use. Students will also need a pair of **indoor shoes** as we are in a carpeted classroom. Students are encouraged to wear **running shoes** as their outdoor shoes so that they may participate safely in outdoor physical activity.

Students may also bring the following items to be left at school for personal use;

- ✓ tissues
- ✓ hand sanitizer – non-scented
- ✓ hand cream – non-scented
- ✓ lip balm

Lunch

Students that stay - Students who stay for lunch will eat during a lunch and learn period in their own class at 11:00 a.m. Students will need to bring a **bagged lunch** to school in the morning. Students are encouraged to pack food items that are nutritious and easy to eat. Please keep in mind that we are a **boomerang school** which means that all food waste, packaging and items that are not eaten will be returned home.

Since we are in a fully carpeted classroom I would kindly ask that students choose to drink water at lunch. Please refrain from sending pop, milk or juice as spills on the carpet are hard to clean and may attract unwanted critters into the classroom.

Students that go home for lunch – Students who go home for lunch will do so at our regular time 11:25-12:25 p.m. Students are asked to return to school at 12:20 p.m.

Student Homework

Homework is a very important part of the program. It is expected that any unfinished classwork is completed at home. Also, there will be specific homework assignments that will require your supervision. Your child must return the homework on the assigned day, or if he/she is unable to, please write me a quick note explaining why it is not done. I have already set up our Online Google Classroom for all students. And an email has been set up for you. Students will be required to use their technology devices at home to access, RAZ Kids account (online reading).

A child's learning takes place everywhere he/she goes; they observe and absorb everything around them. I trust that our cooperation will enhance the learning process inside and out of the class.

The current Ontario curriculum is very rigorous and it is a challenge to cover it all from September to June. I promise to do my very best to see that your child gets the education he/she deserves. However, I will need your help to make sure that attendance is regular and that punctuality is not a problem. Obviously, a student who misses school will not have the same opportunity as a student with regular attendance. Also, please make sure your child brings a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the class and for a physical education class, as it cuts down the mess in our room and the gym.

I know that when your child leaves for school in the morning you are sending me the most precious gift in your life. I assure you that I will always advocate for my students and will always have their best interests in mind. Therefore, if your child is in Grade 1/2 in this room he/she will receive grade-specific curriculum instructions from me. Please feel free to email me or write to me about any of your concerns or to point out any difficulty your child is having either academically or socially.

For us to maintain clear and consistent communication throughout the year, I will be emailing regular updates and encourage you to contact me through my email, Sandra.Bonnell@tdsb.on.ca should you have any questions.

Sincerely

Sandra Bonnell