

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome back to Tom Longboat! My name is Mrs. Sawyer-Hazell and I am excited to be your Grade 3 teacher and look forward to working with all of you in room 104. In our classroom we are settling in and getting to know each other this month. School procedures and class routines look different this year as we endeavor 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; Writing pencils, coloured pencils, crayons, eraser, markers, glue stick, scissors, and ruler. Students will keep their items in their own, individual container/plastic baggie which I have provided. Each student is encouraged to bring their own sharpener. 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.**

### **Indoor Running Shoes**

Students will also need a pair of **indoor shoes** which stays in the 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 and hand sanitizer (non-scented).

### **Water Bottles**

Students will need to bring **2 refillable water bottles** as water fountains will not be in use. It is important that children keep hydrated during the day and have access to water. They will be able to keep the water bottles on their desks. Please fill the bottles with **water only** and write your child's name on his/her bottle. Save juice or milk for your child's lunch or at home.

### **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 bring healthy snacks and lunches that are 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.

**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. You are asked to return your child to school at 12:20 p.m.

**Student Homework** – Homework will consist of weekly spelling words which will be given on Tuesday. Your child may practise the words with you at home and come prepared for a spelling test on Friday. Students will also have access to our TDSB site, RAZ Kids site, a RAZ Kids account (online reading). Students also have access to TDSB virtual library to read a variety of books. I will be setting up our Online Google Classroom for all students. It will be used for homework and communication purposes. Parents will be invited to join our Google Classroom via email so that you are able to receive classroom messages and monitor your child's completion of work when required.

In order for us to maintain clear and consistent communication throughout the year, should you have any questions or concerns you can contact me through my email, [Nan.Sawyer-Hazell@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Nan.Sawyer-Hazell@tdsb.on.ca).

Sincerely  
Ms Sawyer-Hazell