

Dear Students and Parents

Welcome back to Tom Longboat! I am so excited to be your Grade 1/2 teacher and look forward to working with all my new friends in room 103. School procedures and class routines do look quite 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 everyone 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** are quickly becoming a part of our daily routine.

### **Student Supplies**

I have provided students with the following basic tools and materials for individual use;  
*Writing pencils, crayons, eraser, and scissors.*

Students will keep their items in 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 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.

I would kindly ask that students choose to drink water at lunch. Please refrain from sending pop, milk or juice as spills on the classroom floor 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.

### **Online Google Classroom**

I am in the process of setting up our Online Google Classroom for all students. Students will have access to our TDSB site, a RAZ Kids account (online reading) and other activities that I may share to accompany our in class learning. Parents will be invited to join our Google Classroom via email so that you are able to receive classroom messages.

In order for us to maintain clear and consistent communication throughout the year, I will be emailing updates and encourage you to contact me through my email, [Tara.Stephen@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Tara.Stephen@tdsb.on.ca) should you have any questions.

Sincerely  
Tara Stephen