



August 30, 2018

Welcome to Grade 1!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Sonja Sebek and I would like to welcome you and your child to Grade 1. It is wonderful to see all the students quickly settling into their new classroom. I hope this year will be an exciting time of discovery and learning. I am pleased to spend this school year with your child!

Here are a few items to help our year run smoothly.

Classroom:

We are located in Rm. 1. All students will be entering and exiting through the primary playground doors. It is advised that you create a meeting place close to these doors if you are picking your child up at the end of the day. If you arrive late in the morning, please check-in at the office for a Welcome To School slip. Please complete the attached transportation form so that I know how your child will get to and from school.

Scheduling:

Library	Thursday PM - Students should return their books
Music	Friday AM
Gym	Tuesday AM, Wednesday AM, Friday AM (please come to school wearing comfortable clothing to exercise in).

Planner Page / Home School Communication:

We will be using a Weekly Planner Page as a communication tool between home and school. We will often write a daily message on the planner page. The planner page and all notices will be put in the front pocket of our Home Reading Duotang. Please check for messages and notices daily to ensure all information is received. Be sure to return the Weekly Planner Page and Home Reading Duotang every day.

Change of Clothes:

I highly recommend a change of clothing be sent to school. With the wet/cold weather quickly approaching, it is handy to have extra socks and pants available. If your child uses an item from their extra clothing please replace it the next day.

School Fees:

If you have not already done so, please send a cheque for \$45 made payable to Elijah Smith Elementary School. This will cover the cost of all school supplies and special art supplies.

Headphones:

Please send a set of headphones to school. Your child will use their headphones for listening to books on CD and during our computer/ipad time. The headphones will be returned at the end of the year. Please be sure to mark your child's name on the set.

Extras:

Please note that there is not a microwave in the classroom. Please send meals that your child will eat cold or have a thermos to keep them warm. Personal toys are not allowed in the classroom. Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

This year we also have Mrs. Ciara Dear in our classroom. She is a paraprofessional who will be with us throughout the day.

I am a firm believer in open communication and parent/guardian involvement to ensure the success of every student. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any concerns or questions. By working together we can help your child have a happy and productive year! Welcome back to school!

Sonja Sebek
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