

P/1 MacLean Communication Plan 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2021-2022 school year has begun; perhaps too soon for some and not soon enough for others! After surviving two school years interrupted by the pandemic, I think everyone is hoping and praying for an “as close to normal as we can get” year! Below is an overview of the concepts we will be covering this year as well as some important information to take note of.

English language Arts

In Primary/One, students are exposed to a comprehensive literacy program through reading and writing workshops. Reading experiences include daily read alouds, shared reading and guided reading. In writing, we will look at writing stories, writing in response to a prompt, poetry, and non fiction reports. Students are encouraged to share their ideas through talk, pictures, letters, and words. ELA is also integrated with health, science and social studies!

Mathematics

The Primary/One math curriculum is active! Students are engaged in daily hands-on investigations and will have opportunities to question, reflect, discuss, write, and use materials to enhance their learning.

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Grade One</u>
Numbers to 5	Numbers to 20
Patterning and Geometry	Patterning and Geometry
Numbers to 5	Numbers to 20 and Counting to 100
Measurement (length)	Measurement (length and area)
Numbers to 7	Intro to Addition and Subtraction with numbers to 20
Geometry and Patterning	Geometry and Patterning
Numbers to 9	Addition and Subtraction and flexibility with numbers to 20
Measurement (mass)	Measurement (Mass)
Measurement (volume and capacity)	Measurement (volume and capacity)
Flexibility with Numbers to 10	Addition and Subtraction and flexibility with numbers to 20

Integrated Subjects

Science, Social Studies, Health and Visual Arts are integrated within Math and ELA time! These are the topics we will be exploring!

<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Visual Arts</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sand and Water - Living things - Exploring Materials - Movement - Daily and Seasonal change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All about me - All about my community - Cooperation - Our cultures and their diversity - Our environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emotions - Family diversity - Healthy habits - Healthy relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using art as a means of expressing ideas - Exploring art from various cultures - Reflecting on and showing respect for art

Assessment

Many forms of assessment will be used to track your child's progress. These may include: class observations, conferencing, rubrics, individual and group work, interviews. The information gained from these assessments will be shared with families through work sent home, report cards and parent teacher interviews.

Schedule

This year we are moving to an 8 Day Cycle instead of a Monday to Friday schedule. We will have music class on days 1, 3, 4, and 5. We will have Phys Ed on days 3-8! We will be in the gym almost everyday so be mindful of dressing your child for active days! Library days will also be scheduled later on this year.

Communication

The best method of communication will be through your child's agenda. The front pocket is where all notices from the school will go and where lunch money and order forms will go as well. Agendas are checked every morning when students arrive. Work will also be sent home in the agendas so please empty it regularly!

I also post notices and information on my teacher facebook profile (MrsHayley MacLean). I also check facebook messenger and my email frequently throughout the day for any last minute changes. Feel free to message me through email or messenger at any time and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

*****HANDLE WITH CARE***** Please do not hesitate to write the words ***"handle with care"*** in your child's agenda on days that are particularly rough for your family. I take these words as meaning that your child may need a little extra attention and love due to a situation at home. No more information is needed.

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