



# Welcome to Grades 1 and 2!

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a restful and safe summer holiday. I am so happy to be your child's teacher, and I know it will be an exciting year full of milestones. This is a grade one and two split class.

I will email information on new themes, goals, special events, and all the great news coming with this class, but I will also place it on our class website! Please make sure to also see the Kamloops School of the Arts newsletter for school-wide information. It is important that the school has your correct email to ensure this communication. I hope to hear from parents frequently to support open communication. Please check and use the agenda, email, and website.

## Things your child will need:

- 1) Each child will need a pair of indoor shoes. It is recommended that these shoes also be appropriate for their Gym class. Otherwise, please also bring a pair of shoes appropriate for Gym class. Appropriate shoes are essential for participation in Gym.
- 2) I would really love for each child to bring an art smock. Just an old long-sleeved button-up shirt will do, that you do not want back in good condition and can stay at the school for the year in their desks.
- 3) I ask each child to donate 1 box of Kleenex to the classroom if possible. This will help us get through the cold and flu season and will also help to foster good hygiene. If you would like to donate plastic spoons or forks, we would be grateful as well 😊.

4) Snack and Lunch: **We are a nut-aware classroom. Please avoid sending nut products.** We don't have a microwave in our class, nor do we have monitors that can leave students unattended to microwave food, so please send food in a thermos if it is meant to stay warm. Students cannot buy food at the Canteen or the vending machine.

### Classroom Routines and Information:

**Homework:** It is very important to read with your child every night. Home reading will hopefully begin in October. I prefer not to overload them with added work as so many students have extracurricular activities and are tired from a full day of learning. Our website will have many options to suit your family for home reading, words of the week and extra practice if you choose.

**Pick up and drop off:** We can use an exit that leads to the backfield but not directly into the parking lot. Students will line up there in the morning, and I will pick them up in their class line. Please pick your child up from this area on the field as well. I will walk them out. I must see a parent or caregiver before allowing the child to leave my line. Please do not ask them to meet you elsewhere without informing the office first. I would also like to know which daycare your child attends if you cannot pick them up. It is an important safety issue, and I will help remind them. **\*\*It is asked that you use Fraser Street for parking. The staff parking lot is not to be used.\*\***

**Parent Volunteers:** I love having parent volunteers! Let me know if this is something that you would like to do! You can read with kids or help with projects.

**Arts Integration:** We participate in Music, Art, Dance, Drama, and Choir. These classes will help students learn academics, themed work, and social responsibility in various ways. Every child learns at various rates and in different ways. The arts help each child find a way of learning that suits them and helps abstract concepts become a reality. They also provide ways for children to become active participants in their learning, as well as present and reflect on their learning. We will integrate lessons in class with the various arts strands.

**Birthdays:** Please send any birthday invitations in the agenda, and I will discretely place them in the invited child's agenda. This will help to save some hurt feelings if it is not realistic to invite all children in the class.

**Accessing Notices and Class Information:** I will email updates and use our class website as needed. I use the school email system, so if you are not receiving my emails, please check your junk mail or check with the office that they have the correct email for you and any other parent(s) that should be receiving the information. PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFO SECTION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. THIS IS FOR MY USE AND IS IN ADDITION TO THE FORMS SENT BY THE SCHOOL (sorry for all of the papers).

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to speak to me after school, set up an interview, email me, or phone me. I will do my best to keep you informed throughout the year.

Sincerely,  
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"If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow." John Lubbock