



Welcome From Mrs. Gregory

Now that classes are set and we are all getting back into our school routine I thought I'd send a note home to explain how this year is going to work and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- All grade 3 and 4 school supplies have been purchased by the school. Please send a \$50 payment to cover the cost of all supplies including the planner.
- **Inside Shoes:** Your child also requires a pair of **shoes** that will be used inside on a daily basis as well as during gym class. Shoes need not be new but clean and with non marking soles. Flip flops, crocs and sandals are not usable in the gym.

Optional Supplies

- ear buds (cheap ones are fine)
- small plastic container (to store ear buds)
- water bottle (no glass)
- complete change of clothes including top, bottom, socks and underwear. Keeping them in a plastic bag in the bottom of your child's backpack is a good idea. Life happens.

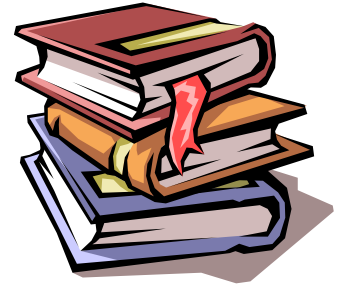
COMBINATION GRADE

- As you may or may not be aware our class is a mixture of both Grade 3 and 4 students. I have extensive experience teaching "split" classes and while it can be tricky it can also be quite a rewarding experience. Throughout the year students will work in grade and ability level groups as well as a whole class. My goal is to cover all content and curriculum that is required but I may have to get a little creative in being able to squeeze it all in. Students will be evaluated and assessed according to expectations of their grade level not their classmates as a whole. In a school our size it is hard not to be in a "split" at some point.

Homework

It is expected that each student:

- Read at least 15-20 minutes a night. We will be visiting the Library once a week to exchange books and there is also a classroom library to select books from. Books from your home collection are fine too.
- Have their planner reviewed and signed by their parent each night.
- Other homework may include unfinished work or projects.
- Students may work on mathletics.com to work on tasks that parallel what we are doing in class. Accounts have not been created yet.



Communication

- We will be using the planner to keep track important things going on at school. I will be reviewing these every morning so this is a great place to jot a note.
- The school website is another good spot to keep track of what we are doing in class. I will be posting our monthly newsletter there. <http://yarrow.sd33.bc.ca>
- Please feel free to contact me at sara_gregory@sd33.bc.ca
- **I like to use email as my main source of communication so please ensure the school has an address that you check regularly**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 21 Meet the teacher BBQ
Sept. 20 Picture Day
Sept. 30 Federal Truth and Reconciliation Day