



Mrs. Lockhart's Grade 2/3 Newsletter



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Dear Grade 2 and 3 Families,

Welcome to Grade 2/3! I am excited to be your child's teacher this year!

Let me start by introducing myself! I am married, with two children, a daughter who is in Grade 7 and a son who is Grade 4, both at Admiral Collingwood. I enjoy many outdoor activities such as running, skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, and kayaking.

As you may know, I have been teaching at Cameron Street for many years and I have a wide range of teaching experiences (ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 8, Planning Time and Special Education). While I do not have a full contract at the school I am currently in our classroom two thirds of the day (until second nutrition break when Mrs. Major arrives). Mrs. Major and I work diligently together maintaining the same rules and procedures and we have constant communication to ensure a smooth transition for the children each day. I will be teaching Language, Social Studies and the Arts and Mrs. Major will focus on Math, Science and Health.

It is important that we all work together to help make your child's Grade 2 or 3 experiences as positive and successful as possible! I look forward to getting to know you and to a wonderful year teaching your child!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Anne Lockhart



Children arrive at school with different backgrounds and experiences and at different stages of development. Positive early experiences with school are of paramount importance to young children. Children thrive within classrooms that meet their physical and developmental needs and that provide a secure, respectful, and nurturing environment. (Ontario Curriculum, 2006)

Classroom Rules and Expectations

Our classroom will provide your child with a safe and nurturing environment that will meet the needs of all students. We will be spending significant amount of time practicing our rules and procedures within our classroom. Our rules are very simple:

- Be kind
- Be safe
- Be neat and tidy
- Be a hard worker

(see if your child can name all 4!)

Clothing

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Unless it is pouring rain, the students will be outside at least twice a day. If your child has difficulty with laces or other parts of their clothing, please practice this at home so that your child will become more independent.

Your child requires a pair of indoor shoes which will be worn in the portable and for gym. Running shoes that students can independently fasten are preferred.

Please ensure all clothing items that may be removed during the day are labelled (hats, jackets, shoes).



Library

Our Library times have not be finalized as of yet. We will let you know our classroom schedule once it is finalized.



Gym

We have gym on Day 1 and 2 each week. Our gym teacher will be Ms. Kitchener and we look forward to a fun-filled, active year with her. Please remember proper running shoes are very important for active participation in gym class.

School Supplies

Our students came well prepared to school this year. Thank you! There may be times throughout the year that we will request some supplies. Currently each child needs crayons or pencil crayons, glue sticks (1-2 for now), scissors, pencil and eraser. Thank you to families who sent in a Kleenex box. If you are able to contribute a box of Kleenex to our classroom it would be greatly appreciated!



Communication

Communication between home and school is critical. Our daily communication will be done through the **agendas**. Any money, permission slips, school forms, book orders etc should be placed in the clear pocket at the front of the agenda. All other correspondence going to and from school is preferred to be written in the appropriate date in the agenda. **Please check and initial your child's agenda every night and return it to school each day.**

Students will receive a sticker for returned, initialed agendas each morning.

Email is usually the faster more convenient way to contact me. My email address is alockhart@scdsb.on.ca. I check my email regularly and will be back to you as soon as possible. If you need to contact me during the instructional day, please contact the **office 445-2902**. I will try to get back to you by the end of the day.



Nutrition

At Cameron Street we have a balanced day which means 2 nutrition breaks during the day. Please try to send healthy snacks- fruit, vegetables, yogurt, sandwiches, cheese and crackers are all great choices. Remember, water is the best choice to quench thirst and is a better alternative to sugary juices. Because we are in a portable, it would save disruption to our learning time and avoid long trips to the water fountain if students could **please bring a water bottle every day.** Lastly, our school is trying to reduce the amount of garbage through encouraging litter less lunches. **Please remember that we are a peanut/nut free school.**

