



## GRADE 2

J.L. Mitchener Public School

September 2017

### Mrs. Ricker's Classroom Newsletter



Welcome to grade 2! My name is Mrs. Ricker and I am pleased to be your child's teacher this year. I am looking forward to a positive and memorable school year! Each month a newsletter will be posted to our classroom website to update you on all the exciting things that will be taking place in our classroom. Our 5 day schedule will also be posted to our classroom website for your reference.

Students will begin the school year learning and practicing classroom routines and procedures. We will discuss and practice the character attributes which allow a community of learners to work well with one another. We will also spend time reacquainting and getting to know one another while taking part in community building activities.

#### AGENDAS

Agendas will be used daily in our class. It is an excellent way to teach organizational skills and responsibility. It is also an excellent means for communication. **Please initial your child's agenda every night to indicate that you have checked it.** Please check for and remove any notes from the front pocket of the agenda as well. I will check agendas every morning. Please use the agenda to communicate any questions, comments, concerns, or a request for a telephone call (include the phone number you wish me to call). In most cases, I will respond the same day unless I happen to be away and in that case, I will respond as soon as I am able.

#### INDOOR/OUTDOOR SHOES

Children should have a pair of shoes that remain at the school for indoor use (**running shoes are best as they will double for physical education**). Please clearly label the shoes with your child's name. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL SNACKS AND LUNCHES

As we have some students who are allergic to nuts and nut products, our school is **"nut aware"**. We ask that do you not send any products to the school that contain nuts. This includes treats that are brought in for students' birthdays and other celebrations. The safety of all our students is our primary concern.



#### COLLECTING MONEY

When sending in money for things not included in our cashless payment system, "School Cash Online" – please place money in an envelope or Ziplock bag, clearly marked with your child's name, amount enclosed, and reason for sending the money. Thank you.



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## **CURRICULUM**

### **Mathematics**

For most of September students will practice using a variety of math tools and manipulatives while focusing on whole numbers and place value.

### **Language**

Our focus will be on establishing the routines for our language block. Students will be learning about the expectations for “Reader’s and Writer’s Workshop”. September is a time to assess students’ abilities and make a learning plan for each child’s success. I will be working with individual students to do some initial assessment activities. I will assess their reading habits and strategies and then begin working with small groups of students. Writing lessons will focus on routines and expectations while focusing on the writing process. Students will design a cover for their Writer’s Notebook and complete their first writing assignments. During “Word Work”, students learn about spelling patterns, phonics, grammar rules, and vocabulary. Focus words will be printed in your child’s agenda each week. A spelling test will be on the following Monday.

### **The Arts/Health and Physical Education**

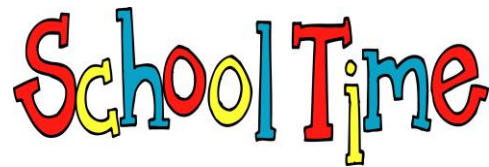
Music and Dance will be taught by Mrs. Cowley; as will Health and Physical Education. Visual Arts and Drama will be taught by myself and connected to other curriculum areas.

### **Science/Social Studies**

There will be a designated time in our schedule for “hands-on” activities and project work. Social Studies topics will also be addressed during our language block.

## **REMIND**

Please sign up for important updates!  
Detailed instructions are attached.



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

The school provides most of the supplies that your child will be using in the classroom. It is asked that you provide the following items:

- pencil case or box (*labelled with child's name*)
- backpack and lunch bag (*labelled with child's name*)
- daily use supplies such as pencil crayons, crayons, and markers, white erasers
- pencils, glue sticks – **TO BE REPLENISHED EVERY MONTH**
- scissors
- 2 dry erase markers and an old sock in a Ziplock bag *labeled with your child's name*
- earbuds / headphones in a Ziplock bag *labeled with your child's name*
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 box of large size Ziplock bags



Mrs. A. Ricker