

September News

Dear Families,

After a fun and fabulous summer, we're welcoming another school year and looking ahead to what the year will bring! This year, we are a group of 24 grade 6/7 students with a close balance of each grade combined. I am delighted to be returning to James Hillier Public School in a permanent capacity. Over the past few years, I have taught various grades at our school in a temporary long term placement, which enables me to already know our class and many of their families.

As a parent myself, I understand first hand that communication between home and school is essential for the success of your child. Each month you will receive a newsletter detailing curriculum focus for all subjects, dates to remember, celebrations and success, and any other tidbit that our class feels is newsworthy. Additionally, please feel free to contact me at any time via email with questions, concerns, or comments that you have regarding your child. Agendas will be utilized daily – please ensure that they are checked routinely for day-to-day communication. This is a tool that all students will be expected to maintain as part of their individualized organization. *Please send in your \$5 for your child's agenda or make payment online.*

Below is a brief synopsis of our subject matter focus for the next month:

Language: We will be focusing on elements of writing – what does it mean to define, explain, justify, etc. in your responses, while organizing our thoughts into appropriate writing pieces.	Math: Number Sense and Numeration is the first strand that we will be reviewing and building upon. Reviewing multiplication tables is a huge help for at home effort!
The Arts and Phys. Ed. Visual, Drama, Music, and Dance will be touched upon in a rotating basis throughout the term. Phys. Ed. will be opposite the arts days.	Science: “Flight” is the focus for gr6 and “Stable Structures” is the focus for gr7. It is our plan to absorb theoretical practices through hands on inquiry and experience based learning.
Learning Skill Focus: Responsibility	Dates to Remember: September 12 from 4:30-6:00pm is Meet the Teacher Night – hope to see you there! September 15 – PA Day September 20 – Picture Day

As our first step in the collaborative teaching of your child, please take a moment to do your homework! I have attached a brief questionnaire for you to fill out and return to me as a confidential way to share important pieces of information about your son or daughter. The students have already filled out a similar one to enable me to tailor our lessons and learning environment and approaches in a way that is meaningful to all.

Thank you for sharing your child with me. I look forward to an adventurous year ahead!

Warmly,

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