

Kindergarten 2011-2012

Miss Matheson, Mrs. Foran & Mrs. O'Toole



“You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.” ~Clay P. Bedford

Classroom Expectations

At Gretna Green, we hold high expectations of our students. We believe that our attitudes as adults help shape student confidence. If we all stay as positive as possible, the children will believe in themselves and will meet their full potential.

Language Arts

Language Arts will be based on a Balanced Literacy program that includes daily reading, writing and word work. Student work will be graded using provincial reading and writing standards. Some of the programs and resources that we will use this year include: Zoophonics, ABC Boom, Launching the Writer's Workshop and The Daily 5.

Math

We will be completing the following Math strands this year: Number, Patterns & Relations, Shape and Space.

You and Your World

Science, Health and Social Studies are integrated into one provincial curriculum: You and Your World. This is taught through themed units that are cooperative and hands on.

Physical Education

Students will participate in gym every day. For safety reasons in the gym, it is very important that all students have appropriate footwear (sneakers).

Library

We will be going to the library on a weekly basis. Students will be able to check out 1 book to keep at home for the week. Please ensure that books are returned on Library days. Students that do not return their book will not be able to sign out a new one.

Library Times:

Ms. Matheson – Tuesday

Mrs. Foran / Mrs. O'Toole - Monday



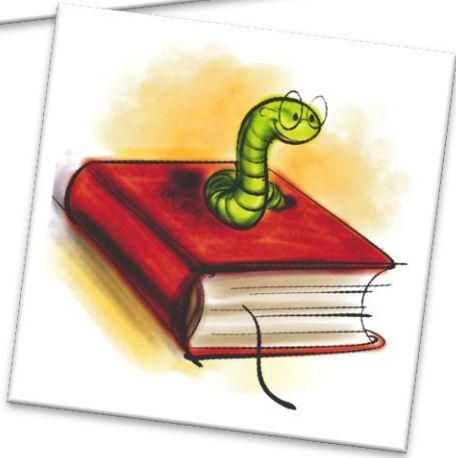


"Your children will become what you are; so be what you want them to be."

~ David Bly

Homework

Homework calendars will be sent home on a monthly basis. The calendar will outline the activities for the month. Students will have a variety of both written and verbal activities to complete. Homework and leveled books will be sent home on Monday and are to be returned on Friday.



Take Home Folders

Take home folders will be sent home on a daily basis. Please check them for notes and correspondence from the school. Lunch orders are to be sent in the folders not your child's lunch can.

Attendance and Travel

Attendance is extremely important. If your child is sick, has an appointment, or misses class for any reason, please send a note explaining why upon their return to school. Classes begin promptly at 9:00. Please ensure that your child arrives on time.

If there is a change in your child's travel routine it is **very important** that you send a **note** with your child in the morning. This eliminates confusion during dismissal. If there is no note, your child will be sent home on their regular bus.



Kindergarten is an exciting year filled with lots of fun activities to enhance learning. Please check the website often for updates on classroom activities. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with your children.