



Bellview Public School
Tuesday September 3, 2019

Dear Grade 1/2 Students and Families,
Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. I am so happy to be your teacher for grade 1 and 2, and I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you and the people in your community. I am planning for, and anticipating, a year filled with challenge, learning and excitement.

This year we will focus on the following curriculum areas:

- ◆ **Science and Technology** (Needs and Characteristics of Living Things, Materials, Objects and Everyday Structures, Energy in our Lives, and Daily and Seasonal Changes in Grade 1, and Growth and Changes in Animals, Movement, Properties of Liquids and Solids and Air and Water in the Environment in Grade 2)
- ◆ **Social Studies** (Our Changing Roles and Responsibilities and The Local Community in Grade 1, and Changing Family and Community Traditions and Global Communities in Grade 2)
- ◆ **Language Arts** (Reading, Writing, Oral and Visual Communication and Media Literacy)
- ◆ **Mathematics and Problem Solving** (Number Sense, Geometry and Spatial Sense, Data Management and Probability, Patterning and Algebra)
- ◆ **The Arts** (Dance, Drama, Music (Ms. Senko) and Visual Arts (Mrs. Tully)
- ◆ **Health** (Prep Teacher TBA) **and Physical Education** (Mr. V) (Active Living, Movement Competence, Healthy Living)

Much of our time will be spent reading, writing and problem solving, but we will have a lot of fun doing it. Your ideas and questions will help decide the path we take along the Ontario Curriculum expectations.

School Supplies

Most things needed this year will be provided in class. There may be some favourite things students prefer, but that would be personal choice. We ask that you send indoor shoes to be left at school, a change of clothing if you think that is appropriate, and, if possible, a set of headphones, but please do not spend a lot of money. You can find what you need at Dollarama. We do not have desks in our room, so any personal items must be small enough to fit in student bins. Anything extra will have to stay in backpacks.

Communication

I will be using School Messenger to send out reminders about things like due dates, permission forms, trips and classroom or school events that come up after the calendar goes home. You can add anything new in by hand. This is the same system the school uses for call-outs about school news and events. It is outgoing only.

You can also reach me by email at kelly.tully-herron@granderie.ca, or by telephone at the school at 519-752-7414. I have also picked up communication pouches for the class, and will be sending home communication books as an alternative way to keep in touch. If you have written inside, please fold it backwards to that page so I see it when they come in. I will do the same when sending something home.

I am looking forward to working together this year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tully

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