

→Welcome to Grade 3-4 September 2023←



Dear Grade 3-4 Parents and Students

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Viscount Alexander Public School!

My name is Joyce Contant and I am your child's Grade 3-4 teacher. It is great to be back in school and meet my new class. I look forward to working together as a learning team of students, parents, and teachers. I will do my best to create interesting lessons and to provide a positive learning environment for your child. For students consistent effort, organization and cooperation are the best tools for success. For parents, a moment of attention to your child's schoolwork, and reading each evening is highly beneficial.

Communication:

I will be sending out regular emails to keep you informed of classroom activities and curriculum topics being studied. I have an online google classroom that students will become familiar with at school and that they can access from home. I also have a class website that you can check out at <http://mscontant.weebly.com>, which has what's new where I usually post photos, and newsletters can be accessed online, as well as some links to great websites.

School Routines:

In these first few weeks of school we will be busy establishing class rules and routines and getting to know each other through team building activities. Our school day starts at 8:00 am so arriving on time is a great way for students to start the day. I know getting back into an early morning routine is going to be challenging following summer, but it is good to start the way you will continue.

Dress for the weather:

Getting fresh air is important for student health and well being. Students will be outside every day for recess and for some of our physical education classes as well as some outdoor learning activities. The weather as you know can be unpredictable at times, so please ensure students dress appropriately for the weather.

School Supplies:

We ask that students come to school equipped with their own labeled school supplies that they will need on a daily basis: such as pencils, erasers, coloured pencils, markers, scissors, and a glue stick. In our class we will also need one **3 ring binder, (1 ½ inch ring size would be great).**

Nutrition Breaks and Water bottles:

Students will have two breaks throughout our school day, where they will be eating their snacks and lunch in the classroom. I encourage students to bring nutritious well-balanced snacks and lunches and limit sugary treats so they are able to sustain a full day of learning and activity. All food, garbage and wrappers will be packed up and returned home each day. It is a good idea for students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

Agendas:

Students received their school agendas today. The student agenda book is an important mode of communication and it is an excellent way for students to develop their organizational skills. Students will be responsible for recording homework and reminders in their agendas, so please take a moment to check it out. The first eight pages of the agenda is a school handbook, which has important notes and information for parents about school routines.

Student Teacher:

We are very fortunate this year to have Latashia Nicholls, a second year teacher candidate from the University of Ottawa working in our classroom. She will be helping in Grade 3-4 everyday during the first week of school, and then joining us every Wednesday throughout the term. until her extended placement which begins in late November and runs through until February.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school 613-239-2213 or email me at joyce.contant@ocdsb.ca.

Looking forward to a great school year together.
Sincerely, Mrs. Joyce Contant

