



News from Room 34 ~ Grade 4/5 FI  
McNaughton Avenue Public School  
September Newsletter 2016



## INTRODUCTION

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Carolyn Gregory, and I will have the grade 4/5 FI Class this year for English, Science, The Arts & DQPA. I have previously taught at King George VI, W.T. Laing, Tilbury Area, Victoria Park, John N. Given, two years as a Literacy Coach in various schools and last 8 years at McNaughton. This newsletter will share a few important routines about our class. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the school and leave a message or jot a note in your child's planner. I will call you at the first opportunity or respond back in the planner.



## **GYM**

Our class has gym on **Day 2 and Day 5** and **DQPA on Day 1.3.&4**. Indoor running shoes that do not scuff the floor are required.



## **LIBRARY**

Students are encouraged to take out library books. It is the student's responsibility to return the library books on time. Your assistance with this responsibility is appreciated. Our Library sessions will begin near the end of September.

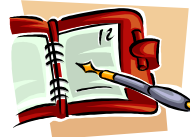


## **Reading is Thinking**



### BOOK ORDERS

Reading is also encouraged through the use of Scholastic book orders. Students interested in ordering books should bring in the order form along with the cash or a cheque made payable to Scholastic. Please do not feel pressure to order books. This is done as a service to the students and to encourage reading. **Sept. Book Order Due Thurs. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>**



**PLANNER = \$5**

**Please send money ASAP.**

**Thanks You.**

Students in grade 4 and 5 will be responsible for carrying and keeping a planner – with homework assignments and communication for home. Planners should be initialed by parents each day, and must be brought to school each day.

## **HOMEWORK**

*In addition to work not completed at school, homework in this class entails weekend homework given occasionally and working on assigned projects. Daily reading is encouraged all month – and our class will be involved in **The Reading Log Program**. More information will be coming home regarding this reading program.*



## **DQPA**

***What does it look like?***

- \* Children participating in physical games & activities
- \* Teachers participating with students
- \* Dancing, jumping, running, calisthenics, stretching
- \* Having fun & getting exercise

## **Progress REPORT**

In order to keep parents aware of their child's progress, a Progress Report will be sent home on **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. These reports need to be signed by parents and returned to the school.

## **All About Me**

**All students will be taking part in an "All About Me" project and presentation. More information will be sent home concerning this assignment soon.**

## **PROBLEMS? CONCERNS?**

Communication between the home and school is a **key element** in a child's education. If you have a concern, problem or even a compliment, please be sure to call the school to talk to me, or write a note in the planner. Only when we communicate can we solve any problems

## ***Topics for September***

**Writing** – establishing writing routines (Writers' Workshop)

**Science:**

**Gr 4:** Rocks & Minerals

**Gr. 5:** Conservation of Energy & Resources

**The Arts:** Art, Music & Drama (Dance will taught during 2<sup>nd</sup> Term)



### School Supplies

The following items are needed for Grade 4 students:

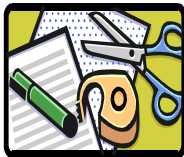
- H.B. pencils
- Blue & Red pens
- 2 highlighters
- 1 30 cm ruler (metric)
- pencil crayons
- markers
- erasers
- scissors
- a large glue stick
- **1 - 2 pocket Homework folder (a sturdy folder is needed)**
- 1 - 2 pocket folder for line paper
- 1 small package of lined, 3 hole punched paper
- pencil case or box
- small covered sharpener
- box of tissues
- calculator
- protractor

The following items are **NOT** needed and can be kept at home:

\*reinforcements

**\*\*binders** \*NOTE: a one inch binder will only be used in Mlle Missiaen's class

Your assistance in getting these supplies for your child is greatly appreciated!



*Looking forward to a great year with your child,  
Sincerely,  
Carolynn Gregory*

### **School Calendar**

Our school year is organized by Day #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

P.A. Day – Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>



Your child's teachers:



*Mrs. Gregory - Language Arts, Science, The Arts & DQPA.*

Mr. Martin - Phys. Ed.  
Ms. VandeKleut – DQPA (Day #1)  
Mlle Missiaen – French, Math & DQPA  
Mr. Belanger – Social Studies  
Health – Mrs. Denys

*Tell me, I forget.*

*Show me, I remember.*

*Involve me, I understand.*



**See attached note about Writers' Notebook!**



### **PA Days**

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>  
& Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

## **Helping Your Child At Home**

Here are some easy ways to help your child do better in school:

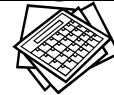
- provide a **quiet** space and **regular** time for homework
- **read** to your child
- provide **good reading material** for your child's nightly reading
- **ask** your child to retell the story that he or she is reading
- **monitor** what your child watches on television and have your child retell the program
- **encourage** and assist with regular trips to the library



### **Prepare for the next day !**

Before you go to bed, pack school bag. Have clothes laid out – this will cut down on morning confusion and allow for a good start to the day!

### **Looking ahead!**



**Meet the Teacher**  
**Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Terry Fox Run**  
**Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Picture Day**  
**Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thanksgiving**  
**Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>**