# Welcome to Soom 12 With Mrs. Gancalves



Welcome to Room 12! I am so excited to be back in the classroom! I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and seeing what the year will bring!

Students in Room 12 will have many opportunities to build academic and social skills as they become independent and responsible learners.

Class discussions about student interests and current events will take place daily and are an important part of building our class community.

I will send regular correspondence and reminders to parents by email, but for individual matters, I will call parents. If at any time during the school year you have questions or concerns please contact me by phone at the school or email me at tgoncalves@wsd1.org.

#### Science

The units that we will be exploring this year in Science are: Maintaining a Healthy Body, Electricity The Solar System and Weather. Students will be provided with a variety of hands-on learning activities that will support them in building their understanding of the scientific inquiry process.

### **Mathematics**

This year in math students in Room 12 will be working on becoming flexible thinkers while strengthening their understanding of whole numbers, fractions, decimals, mental math strategies, patterns and operations. I will strive to create an environment that will support students in building confidence in their mathematic abilities which will allow them to take risks and develop a passion for all things related to math.

## **English Language Arts**

In English Language Arts students will be working hard to become great writers as we engage in our Writer's Workshop units where students will write, revise and publish narrative, persuasive and expository pieces of writing. During workshop lessons students will also be provided with instruction in spelling, grammar and conventions.

We will do a variety of literature studies that will help students develop reading comprehension strategies, and critical thinking skills.

Each student will have conference times with me to review and discuss their reading and writing and to set goals in these areas.

## Other Subjects Areas

Technology, Visual Arts, Healthy Lifestyle Practices, Sustainability and Indigenous Perspectives will be integrated throughout the other subject areas.

#### Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will begin by learning about mapping as we study locations in Canada and the World. The rest of the year will focus on the study the people, places, and events that have shaped the Development of Canada as a nation.