

# Welcome to Grade 2/3 at Champlain School!

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

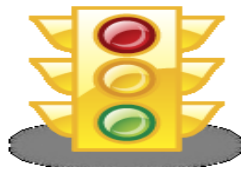
I am very excited to be back in school with the Champlain School family and I am looking forward to working with you and your child during the 2022-2023 school year. Room 213 is a grade 2/3 classroom, which means we will focus on both the grade 2 and grade 3 curriculum. Students will learn to become life-long learners by working in groups, working individually as well as in whole class settings. This upcoming year is a good opportunity for students to refine their basic academic skills in all areas of the curriculum.

It is important that students be at school and on time each day. Students are encouraged to put in their best efforts so that they can become successful and independent.

## Classroom Expectations:

Students are expected to display respect towards one another and work cooperatively. The classroom is their community and with my support, they have developed classroom rules that will make it a safe and friendly environment. These classroom expectations are based on Champlain School's beliefs of being safe, being respectful and being ready to learn.

## If Expectations Are Not Met:



If students are having difficulty meeting classroom expectations, they will be given a verbal reminder. If a student receives another reminder, their name is written on the board. Any further reminders are displayed as tally marks beside their name. Once the student receives three tallies, they will need to think about making better choices by giving up five minutes of choice or a fun activity. After working off their five minutes owed, their name is taken off the board. If the student continues to make poor choices and receives six reminders, then a phone call is made home. If you have any questions concerning your child's behaviour at school, please feel free to contact me.

**\*Reminder\***

The school supply fee of \$35 and indoor runners should be sent to school as soon as possible. The school supply fee helps to pay for the classroom supplies your child uses on a daily basis. These supplies are essential to your child's success at school.

**Language Arts:**



Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to:

- Explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences
- Comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, literary and media texts
- Manage ideas and information
- Enhance and clarify the artistry of communication
- Celebrate and build community

Literacy is promoted daily in all areas using a variety of sources including books, poems, journals, guided reading and writing through small and whole group instruction. This year the students will build on their literacy skills through the daily Read to Me program, journal writing, Fountas & Pinnell and Raz Kids.

**Math:**



The Math Strands:

- Number
- Patterns and Relations
- Statistics
- Shape and Space (Measurement)

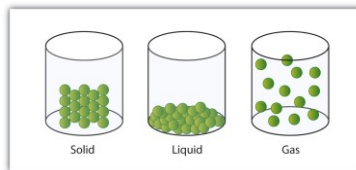
The students will be involved in a variety of hands on activities, working with a wide range of concrete materials to aid in their mathematic understanding and development. Students will work individually, in small groups and whole groups to target specific needs. They will move from hands on to written work to solidify their learning. Students will also use the targeted Dreambox math computer program to improve their individual skills.

## Social Studies:



This year we will focus on the following units: Our Local Community, The Canadian Community, and Exploring the World.

## Science:



The following topics will be studied this school year:

- Properties of Solids Liquids and Gases
- Growth and Changes in Animals
- Growth and Changes in Plants

Students will learn about these topics through hands on activities, inquiry projects, research and virtual classroom field trips.

## Art:



Students will integrate the arts into the various curricular areas to explore:

- Art Language & Tools
- Understanding Art in Context
- Creative Expression in Art
- Valuing Artistic Experiences
- The Young Artist Themselves

## Literacy in Technology:

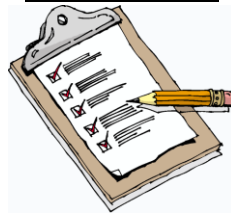


Students will be exposed to various mediums to build on through:

- Computer Awareness
- Basic Internet Use
- Keyboarding
- PC and iPad

As the world continues to progress, it is important for our children to develop these skills in order to function within a technology driven world.

## Assessment:



In all subject areas, the Grade 2/3 program follows the guidelines as set out by the Province of Manitoba Curriculum.

Students are assessed in a variety of ways including:

- Rubrics, checklists, samples of class work, group projects, self-evaluation, teacher-student conversations, and classroom observations.

In addition, your child will be assessed using the division mandated reading and writing assessment as well as the Learning Pathway to determine the best programming and plan of instruction for your child.

As the Grade 2/3 teacher, I look forward to working together with you and your child this year. Should you have any questions regarding the progress of your child, please contact the school at (204) 586-5139 or email me at [khusarewycz@wsd1.org](mailto:khusarewycz@wsd1.org).

Sincerely,

Krysta Husarewycz