



Back To School

Welcome to Room 35 at Lord Selkirk School

Hi there, my name is Duncan Telford and this is my sixth year at Lord Selkirk School. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be your child's teacher this year. I am looking forward to a great year. You are welcome to contact me anytime via e-mail at dtelford@wsd1.org or call 204-667-8495 and leave a message at our school office to share any thoughts or concerns you may have and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Grade 3/4 Highlights

English Language Arts:

Students will use language to listen, speak, view, read, write and represent. They learn different strategies to help them think about and understand what they read or view for enjoyment and for information.

Reader's Workshop: Students will develop foundational reading skills and strategies. Every day we will spend time reading good fit books by ourselves and with friends.

Writer's Workshop: Students will develop skills and confidence as writers. Students will receive direct writing instruction daily. Students will write about their own lives or what they know. We will begin the year with narrative writing, followed by persuasive writing, information writing, and finishing the year with story writing.

Reading at home will make a **HUGE** difference in your child's school success. Make reading a part of your everyday routine. Reading for approximately 15-20 minutes every night will benefit your child.

Math:

Students will learn to count forward and backward to 1000 in Grade 3 and 10 000 in Grade 4. They learn about multiplying and dividing to 81. We will connect numbers, fractions and shapes to their everyday life, such as by estimating the number of minutes needed to do an activity. We will share our ideas about solving a problem. Some other important Grade 3/4 topics are: creating patterns; measuring time, mass and length; describing and sorting shapes; and constructing bar graphs.



Science:

Students' natural curiosity about the world around them will be the guiding force throughout the year. Students will use an inquiry approach to explore a variety of topics.

Social Studies:

Students will have the opportunity to explore many topics in Social Studies this year. Students will use an inquiry approach to explore a variety of topics.

Art:

Students will explore ways to express themselves creatively and continue to develop skills and language in one or more of the arts. They discover answers to the questions "who", "where", "when", and "why" about the arts. They think about the importance and meaning of the arts in their own lives, in their communities, and around the world.

Physical Education/Health:

The topics covered in the curriculum are movement, fitness management and safety (taught in Phys. Ed.) while personal/social management and healthy lifestyle practices will be taught in the classroom.

Seesaw:

Student will use Seesaw to showcase their learning throughout the year. **It is expected that family members connect to their child's Seesaw profile using the "Seesaw Family App."** The app will also be used to send home information such as letters and announcements. In the event that we go back to online learning, Seesaw will be the main learning platform. If you need any assistance, please come and see me personally and I can help you get set up!



Assessment Practices:

Students will be assessed using two kinds of assessments:

1. Summative assessment - this assessment measures the level of success or proficiency that has been obtained at the end of an instructional unit by comparing it against an expected outcome.
2. Formative assessment - By gathering feedback through ongoing monitoring, we can make adjustments to programming that guides improvement in learning and ensures student success.

Code of Conduct:

At Lord Selkirk Elementary School, we believe that every member of our school community has the right to: Respect, Trust, Safety and Understanding. Our class will also be making our own classroom expectations. It is expected that students respect themselves, others, and school property. If students do not follow the classroom expectations, they will be given a warning and may lose certain privileges.

Expectations:

School Wide Expectations:

The 3 B'S:

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Cooperative

These school expectations are to be followed in all common areas of the school. Classroom Expectations will be developed by the students in Room 35.

Friendly Reminders

- Please ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis and on time.
- Due to allergies in our class and at school, please pack your child peanut free recess snacks and lunches.
- If early pick-up of your child is necessary, please go to the office. The clerical staff will call your child to the office, where you are required to sign them out.
- Please arrange a spot at the playground to meet your child after school. Drop offs in the morning will be at the playground doors as well.
- Please make sure that toys/personal belongings are kept at home.
- If you would like to send a treat for your child's birthday, please talk to me before your child's birthday