

Welcome to Room 11

Hello and welcome. My name is Diane Kusko Burdeniuk and this year I am teaching grade 1 and 2. I have been at Principal Sparling since 2019. I truly love the school, students, staff, and families I have had the opportunity to meet throughout the years. I look forward to meeting some of the new students and families this year. If there are any questions you have for me throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school or through my email (dkusko@wsd1.org).

Indigenous Education

Indigenous education has been a priority in the Winnipeg School Division. I will be providing different learning opportunities for students to have Indigenous Education infused throughout the curriculum whenever possible. As a school each month, there will be an assembly where each classroom will focus on a different "Call to Action." There will be some learning opportunities throughout the year for our classroom to use and visit our turtle garden here at the school.

English Language Arts

Throughout the school year students will be reading, speaking, writing, and thinking critically to different texts. Students will have the opportunity to read to someone (Learning buddies in room 15), read to self, listen to reading, word work, and writing. Using the 6+1 traits, students will engage in different writing activities (Narrative, Informational, and Persuasive) that focus on voice, sentence fluence, organization, ideas, word choice, conventions, and presentations. Three times a year a formal writing assessment will be done. Students reading levels (Fountas and Pinnell), alphabet knowledge, and sight words will be assessed on an ongoing basis. Home reading will be a great opportunity for students to continue practicing and working on strategies at home. Please make sure you are reading with your child to be able to help them if they struggle. High frequency sight word poem books will be sent home throughout the year to keep and to practice.

Math

Students will be assessed on an ongoing basis and engaged in the four different number strands of Mathematics: Number, Patterns and relations, Shape and Space, and Statistics and Probability.

An online Math program (Dreambox) will be used here at school and at home to strengthen the student's math skills in a number of different games. PLEASE NO NOT help or give your child the answers to the games. This is a smart program that continues to give a student different questions until the program feel they are confident in that skill. If you give your child the answer it will make it harder and more challenging for the student.

Science

There will be 4 clusters taught this year

- Growth and changes in Animals
- Properties of Solids, Liquids, and Gases
- Position and Motion
- Air and Water in the Environment

Social Studies

There will be 3 clusters taught this year

- Our local community (as well as some special days such as The day for Truth and Reconciliation, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, and Halloween)
- Communities in Canada
- The Canadian Community

Health

Some of the topics that will be covered are

- Social Issues
- Friendships
- Safety
- Personal and Social Management
- Healthy lifestyle practices

Expectations

I will provide a safe and caring learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential. Everyone here has the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Students must attend school and classes regularly and punctually, bring all required supplies and complete all homework assignments. Students will work on solving conflicts peacefully through discussion or by seeking adult assistance. They must demonstrate respect for school property and the property of others.

Other

There are some new changes to our time table this year. School starts at 9:00 am. Morning recess is from 10:25 am-10:40 am and afternoon recess is from 2:30 pm-2:45 pm. Lunch now goes from 12:05 pm-1:05 pm. Dismissal at the end of the day is 3:30 pm.

Please remember that as the seasons are changing students need to come dressed to go outside and for whatever the weather.