

## September 2023

### Welcome to Room 12 /Grade 2&3

Hello! My name is Ms. Delia Laninga ([dlaninga@wsd1.org](mailto:dlaninga@wsd1.org)) and I will be your child's teacher this year. I have been teaching at Principal Sparling School since 2002 and feel very grateful to be a part of this wonderful community. I am looking forward to helping your child become an independent and confident learner this year.

**Indigenous Education:** As part of the ongoing commitment in the Winnipeg School division, PSS staff and students will continue to build upon previous knowledge and understanding of the Indigenous people of Canada. It is important for students to gain an appreciation for the First People of Canada, their culture and history. Children will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as a daily sharing circle and a traditional smudging ceremony. Current and past Indigenous topics will be integrated throughout our Social Studies curriculum this year.

**Expectations/Rules:** Students are expected to respect themselves, others (peers/staff) and the learning environment. All children have the right to learn and feel safe at school. In an event of serious misbehaviour, parents will be contacted, and each situation will be dealt with accordingly. In the event, a student is sick, it is recommended he/she stay at home until symptoms improve. Please let the office know if your child will be away.

Families play a vital role in their child's academic growth and are expected to support their child with various learning activities throughout the school year. Students that do not complete assignments in class will take it home. It is expected that all homework assignments are returned the next school day.

**Home/School Communication:** Students will use a **RED** communication folder to take notes home. Students are expected to keep the communication folder in their school bag during the year. Guardians are expected to check it daily for homework, notes, letters, etc.

This year, I will continue to use the learning *platform* **Seesaw** on a regular basis to showcase student learning and to communicate with parents/guardians. This will also be the **main** form of communication I will use with families throughout the year. Families are expected to set up both their child's Class app and Family app. Note, these are two different accounts. Families will be receiving all necessary passwords and instructions sometime in September.

If families need to contact me with questions, concerns, etc., during regular school hours (9-3:30 pm) please send me a direct message through Seesaw or leave a message with the office and I will respond in a timely manner. Please note, I will not be responding to emails after 4pm.

## **Grade 2/3 Program Outline:**

**ELA (English Language Arts):** Everyday children will be engaged in activities that develop independent and guided reading, writing, spelling, and communication skills. A thematic approach will be used to support and enhance learning.

Beverly Tyner's, Small -Group Reading Instruction program will be used to support all levels of reading in the classroom. This program will target and support decoding and comprehension, reading strategies, word study, writing and vocabulary.

Guided Reading Groups, RAZkids online (home/school) and daily home reading will also support the reading program. Students are expected to read daily for a minimum of 20-30 minutes to an adult. More information will be sent home regarding the home reading program and choices for students this year

Words Their Way (W.T. W) Spelling Program will be used this year.

**Mathematics:** The math curriculum encompasses four strands: Number Sense, Pattern & Relations, Shape & Space and Statistics & Probability. Students will also learn various mental math strategies that encourage flexible thinking and problem-solving skills. Students in grade 2 are expected to learn number concepts up to 100 and grade 3 up to 1000.

Dreambox (home/school) is an online Math learning program which focuses on Number Sense. It is recommended that students complete a minimum of 5 lessons/week. Students will be given an id and password so that they will have access to Dreambox at home.

**Social Studies:** The following Grade 3 clusters will be taught this year: Connecting with Canadians, Exploring the World, Communities of the World, and Exploring an Ancient Society.

**Science:** The following Grade 3 clusters for this year: Growth and Changes in Plants, Materials and Structures, Forces that Attract or Repel and Soils in the Environment

**Health/Social Emotional:** Topics such conflict resolution, bullying, cyber safety as well as self regulation, mindfulness and gratitude practises will be highlighted this year.

**Art** will be integrated throughout the subject areas.

**Physical Education:** Days 1, 3, 5. Classes will be 40 minutes.

**Music/Performing Arts:** Days 2, 4, 6. Classes will be 40 minutes.

### **Other:**

School Start time: 9:00 am

AM Recess: 10:25-10:40 am.

Snack: 10:45-10:55 am

PM Recess: 2:30-2:45 pm.

Lunch: 12:05-1:05 pm

Dismissal: 3:30 pm.