

# Sister MacNamara School

Winnipeg, MB



Welcome parents and students to Room 129. I am very excited about this upcoming school year and look forward to working with your child. We have many interesting and engaging activities planned for this school year. In our classroom, students will learn how to work collaboratively with other students and develop the skills to communicate their thinking and solve real world problems.

Mr. Benevides

## English Language Arts

Exploring the English language will be a daily priority in our classroom. Students will be improving their reading strategies through independent practice, working with the teacher in reading groups and one on one. Writing will also be a daily routine in our class and through various whole class and small group activities students will improve their writing skills and learn how use the writing process to create different forms of writing.

## MATH

Math is a great subject for students to develop real life problem solving skills. Through independent practice, and small group work students will develop strategies for various math operations such as multiplication and division. While working with the teacher in small groups students will be focusing on developing their critical thinking skills and communicating their

## HEALTH

This year in health we will be exploring the human body, discussing and practicing healthy eating habits and learning about the safe use of technology. We will also be uncovering a unit on Family Life.

#### SCIFNCE

Science is a favorite of many students and this year we will be exploring many topics using engaging hands-on activities and experiments. The topics we will be learning about include: Diversity of Living Things, Flight, Electricity and Exploring our Solar System.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies students will be learning about Canadian Confederation and examine the important contributions of the Metis people and Louis Riel in the creation of Manitoba. We will also be discussing the relationship between the Canadian Government and the various First Nations Groups in establishing Treaties in Western Canada.

## Arts: Visual Arts, Drama, and Dance

Arts will be a mix of visual arts, drama, and dance. We will be utilizing our fabulous art room to help create stunning pieces of Visual Art such as our solar system project. Drama will include improvisation and role playing and in Dance we will be discussing the benefits of dance as part of healthy living habits and participate in various dance activities from traditional to current styles.

## **ASSESSMENTS**

Assessment is taken from many sources such as:

- Observations
- Checklists/Rubrics
- Samples of classroom work
- Teacher notes/Records
- Conversations with students and other professionals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the school year.