

September 2018

Back to School



Welcome Back to School! **Look whoooo's in Grade 1!!**

Welcome back to school! I hope you are all as excited as I am to begin a new school year full of learning and fun!

I am thrilled to be teaching Grade 1 at Dr. C.F. Cannon this year. I consider it an honour to work with your children each and every day. I look forward to getting to know my new students and their families.

Parents, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. You can feel free to write a quick note in your child's agenda. You can also call the school office to leave me a message and I will get back to you in a timely manner.

Looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Karen Groenewegen

(pronounced: 'grew'- 'nuh'- 'wagon')

a.k.a. *Mrs. G*



This year will be a hoot!

Check out our Classroom Website!

www.mrsgroenewegen.com

As a way to keep parents fully informed on what we have been learning and doing in our classroom, I have created an interactive classroom website which you can find at www.mrsgroenewegen.com

The classroom webpage can also be accessed through Teachers Pages on the Cannon website.

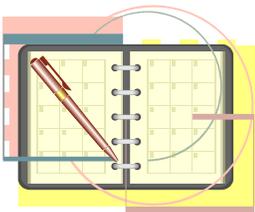
I hope that you will take the time to visit the website often throughout the year. You will find:

- An Interactive Events Calendar
- Articles & web links for parents
- Resources & web links for students

Important Reminders

- Please label **ALL personal belongings** (backpack, shoes, snack bag, etc.) with your child's name.
- Students will need a pair of **indoor shoes** that are kept at school for indoor use only. If your child does not know how to tie laces independently and consistently, please consider Velcro instead.
- I encourage you to pack a **change of clothes** (underwear, socks, shirt, pants) in a labelled ziplock bag to leave at school for your child to have "just in case".
- Please send a labelled **re-useable water bottle** each day to provide easier access to drinking water.
- We are a **boomerang lunch** school, which means that anything brought to school is brought back home, including food waste and garbage. Please try to pack your child's lunches in reusable containers that they can open independently. Recyclable products are acceptable.
- Toys can serve as a distraction at school. I am encouraging parents to insist that your child leaves all toys, trading cards, electronic games, and the like at home. If your child would like to bring a toy to school to play with on the school bus, please make clear guidelines for them to leave it in their backpack during school hours.

Agendas & Mailbags



Agendas are an important tool for home-to-school communication.

Students are expected to bring their agenda and mail bag to school every day. Please use the mailbag or clear pouch at the front of the agenda to send any important forms or money. Agendas will be sent home every day for parents to sign/initial. Please take the time to read the agenda and then sign on the date.

Students will be writing in their own agenda with important reminders. Feel free to jot me a note in the agenda if there is anything I need to know. I may also write a short note to parents in the agenda if necessary.

School Supplies

All school supplies are provided in the classroom. However, students wishing to bring personal school supplies such as pencils, pencil crayons, crayons, markers, and erasers are welcome to bring a small pencil case which can be kept in their personal supply bin inside our classroom. Please no permanent markers. Some families may also like to send their child with unscented hand sanitizer.

Families are also welcome to donate the following supplies to our classroom for all to use:

- ⇒ Kleenex boxes
- ⇒ Paper towel

10 Reads to Read to Your Child:

1. It promotes quality time & shows your child that you love them.
2. It expands their vocabulary.
3. It improves their attention span.
4. It is a way of passion on your values.
5. It increases self-esteem.
6. It increases chances for academic success.
7. It helps them empathize with others.
8. It encourages individual interests.
9. It will make them life-long learners.
10. It encourages them to become readers who love reading!



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Important Upcoming Dates:

September:

4th—Welcome Back to School!

TBD—Back to School Curriculum Night, more info coming soon!

17th-21—School Safety Week

October:

8th — Thanksgiving Monday (Schools closed)

22nd—P.A. Day

November:

14th— Progress Reports go home

15th & 16th— Parent-Teacher interviews

