

The ABC's of Grade One

with Mrs. Murray

A

Art is a big part of our 1st grade classroom. Please send an old shirt to be used as an art smock for painting - we can be very messy!

B

B.E.A.R. (Be Excited and Read) is the acronym for our home reading program. - 15 minutes each night! Return home reading books daily and B.E.A.R. books on Friday's.

Book orders (Scholastic) will be sent home regularly.

C

Communication is important. Feel free to contact me whenever you have a question, comment or concern. You can reach me by phone at 604.903.3370, in person, by email (peamurray@nvsd44.bc.ca), or by note.

Curriculum summaries for all grades available: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp

Chime-In: Poetry learned in class to be read at home over the weekend and returned on Monday mornings.

D

Discipline is simple. We work hard as a class to make the classroom a positive and safe place for all.

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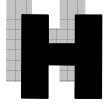
Energy breaks happen often in the classroom when we all get up and move!



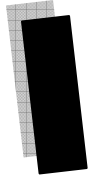
We do have lots of fun!



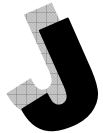
Our class has two scheduled gym periods at the moment: Tuesday and Thursday @ 2:00. Please ensure that your child has runners for gym days, and dresses appropriately.



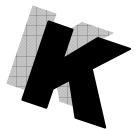
Homework is to read nightly for 15 minutes (B.E.A.R.)! Sometimes additional work will be sent home, but I try to avoid weekend work.



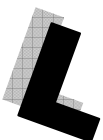
Independence is a goal for all students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. 1st Graders are very capable of doing many things on their own and I encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please work on the following self-help skills at home with your child: zipping, tying, dressing, etc.



Writing takes place every day in 1st grade. One way we accomplish this is through writing stories in our Journals during writer's workshop. Encourage your child to write at home for a variety of purposes.



All too soon the sniffles will start - please send a box of Kleenex!



Your child will check out library books every Tuesday and they are to be returned the Tuesday of the following week.

M

The 1st grade math curriculum provides students with mathematical experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards mathematics that will continue throughout their school career and lives. Math concepts are covered through our daily calendar and math workshop routine. We will also keep a math journal to show our math thinking.

N

No peanut butter (or nuts of any kind) in our classroom - it is a nut free zone. Please respect this health alert and ensure safety for all.

O

Oral language is a hugely important piece of grade 1; speaking and listening, expressing ideas and organizing thinking are all practiced and encouraged throughout the day.

P

Please read and sign/ initial your child's planner each night! I write in each one every day!

Q

Questions? Please feel free to call, stop in, email or send a note.

R

In 1st grade, students will participate in Reader's Workshop and Guided Reading; shared and interactive reading will also take place. Ours is a reading rich classroom!

S

Snapshot of the Schedule:

Library with Ms. Wilson: Tuesday, 11:10 - 11:40

Computers with Mrs. Donaldson: Wednesday, 11:10 - 11:40

Music with Miss Dunkley : Friday, 9:35 - 10:15

T

Teach and Share - Your child may bring something once a month to share with the class. This should be a 'teach and share' experience such as information about something they have learned to do, read in a book or have done with their family. Please help them share what they will share with us by practicing with the family first. (Toys are discouraged unless it is something educational.) Schedule will be sent home following "Three Things About Me!"

U and V

Volunteers are welcome in our classroom - a schedule will be available at the end of September.

W and X

Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather and provide extra pants , socks and indoor shoes to be left in a bag on their cloakroom hook, just in case!

Y

Your ideas... and suggestions are welcome.

Z

Zzzzzz Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest!