

Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 5, 2023

Welcome to a new school year! I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year in Grade Three. Our classroom is **Room 121** inside the school. I have been teaching at St. Anne for 7 years. I have enjoyed being a part of the St. Anne community and I am looking forward to yet another great year! Below is some important information to keep in mind as we begin our journey. All monthly newsletters can also be found on our class website (details below).

School Supplies: (Please label EVERYTHING!)

All children are kindly asked to bring in a reusable water bottle (no disposable plastic bottles please). The water bottles will go home every night. Please be sure to wash, refill and send them back to school each day. Children will be able to refill their water bottles at school.

Please send your child to school with two pairs of shoes. One for inside and one for outside. **Please make sure that they can run in both pairs as we will use them for gym class.**

The following supplies are recommended for each child to bring to school every day in their own pencil case:

- 2 or 3 pencils
- an eraser
- colouring pencils and markers
- a sharpener
- a package of dry erase markers (we use these daily)
- a pair of scissors
- a small bottle of hand sanitizer
- a box of Kleenex

If it is not possible to supply any of the above items, please let me know and I will be more than happy to give your child what they need.

Family Picture:

Please send in a family picture, so that I can place it above our prayer table. Thank you!

Lunches and Allergies:

All students need to bring a lunch with at least 3 snacks. Healthy snacks are encouraged and children will be asked to eat their healthiest snack in the morning. **Please refrain from sending your child to school with food containing any type of nut.** Remember to check all packaging for these ingredients as we have students at school and in our classroom who have life threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. To keep students safe, students are not permitted to share food with others.

We encourage students to bring boomerang lunch in order to reduce the amount of garbage, recycling and compost here at school. If possible, please send lunches and snacks in reusable containers. I will remind children who will be bringing home any waste, peels etc., to put it into one of the reusable containers or a plastic bag, so that lunch bags stay as clean as possible. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Classroom Website: (Please check daily!)

The address for our classroom website is: www.nihmeysclass.weebly.com

All important information will be found on this website. Please be sure to check it daily so as not to miss any pertinent information. Important reminders will be found here along with activities that are taking place in the classroom as well as at school. Be sure to look at all the pages of the website, **especially the homepage which will have my Twitter feed (@MsNihmeysclass)**. You can follow me on Twitter if you have an account, but you do not have to have a Twitter account to see the Twitter feed through the class website. **I have put a fridge magnet with the website and Twitter addresses into your child's Agenda Bag.** Please keep it handy as this will be your key to peeking inside our classroom throughout the school year! You can also get to the class site through St. Anne's website by going to **contact, list of teachers and support staff and links** and then clicking on the Twitter feed name.

All monthly newsletters will be found under the **Newsletters** page of the class site.

Communication:

All students were sent home with an agenda in a Ziploc Bag. When the children write in the agenda, I will ask them to leave it open on the page that they wrote on. This way you will be able to see the note without having to thumb through the whole agenda. Any notes or other information to be sent home will be placed in this same Ziploc bag. You may use the agenda to share any questions or comments with me and I will do the same. If you do leave a note in the agenda, please leave it open on the page where the note can be found. This way I will know that there is a note. I also ask that you please return the agenda in this same Ziploc bag (not a store bought one) as it is clear and easy to see if there is a note. It is also easy to open up and put things in/take things out. If the bag happens to rip, I will replace it with another Ziploc bag. If you have a private concern, you can call the school and leave a message for me: **(613) 271-0308**. I will get back to you as soon as I can. I feel that communication between parents and teachers is of utmost importance in providing the children with a successful learning environment. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me! **I will not be using email this year to communicate with parents.**

French:

Your child's French teacher this year is Sarah Feraco. Her Twitter feed is (@MmeFeraco).

Student Information Sheet:

I have included a Student Information Page with this newsletter. Please fill this out by the **end of the week** and send it back with your child. Thank you in advance for helping me get to know your child!

Homework:

Homework will begin in October once we have settled into our daily routines. It will be assigned on a weekly basis and it will follow our learning goals. Homework will be shared electronically with the children through their Hapara Workspace. It will be due each Friday and will be submitted electronically. More information regarding homework will be posted on the website closer to October.

We will continue to ask the children to wash/sanitize their hands when they enter the classroom before school and after recess breaks as well as when they exit the classroom.

I hope that your child's experience in Grade Three will be a happy and positive one.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to alleviate any worries or concerns that you may have. Thank you in advance for your support and I look forward to a great year with you and your child!

Sincerely,
Ms. Nihmey

