

THE Caughell Chronicle

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September

Curriculum Corner

Welcome to our 5/6 Class

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin a new and exciting school year at Robert Smith School.

For me personally, the excitement and anticipation of a new school year is high with this being my first year as a Roadrunner! I hope that feeling of excitement and anticipation comes through in everything we do for your child.

To keep you connected to the classroom I will try to put out a newsletter every few months, detailing what is happening in our 5/6 class. You can also check us out on the web. You can access our website via the Robert Smith School website or we can be reached at:

<http://mrcaughell.weebly.com>

I am excited to work with you and your child as we help them experience all the excitement this year has to offer!

Take care!

Mr. Caughell

Language Arts: Through our Reader's and Writer's workshops students will begin to develop their skills making connections with good book choices and using the writing process to share their thoughts.

Math: We begin our math journey with a look at number. Students will review strategies for operations with whole numbers and gain a better understanding of place value for large multi-digit numbers.

Science: Students will learn that daily weather conditions are part of larger climatic systems and patterns that can be predicted both on a short-term and on a seasonal basis. Students will study various aspects of weather (temperature, wind speed, cloud formation, precipitation, atmospheric pressure), and examine the role they play in determining weather conditions.

Social Studies: Students will explore the oral traditions and archaeological theories which describe various stories of the origins of First Peoples in North America and the characteristics of the land before written history.

Reminders to Students

Students are expected to adhere to the Robert Smith school rules for classroom behaviour: Be **Safe**, **Responsible**, and **Respectful**.

Be Safe

- Think about the safety of your actions and play.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Be Responsible

- Do your job and let others do theirs.
- Follow adult instructions.
- Accept the consequences of your behaviour.

Be Respectful

- Use kind and polite words.
- Care about yourself and your learning.
- Take care of people, places and things.

Homework???

We will be working quite hard during the school day. As a result, I will typically not be sending much work home. Rather, I would support your child to:

1. READ every evening
2. Have meaningful conversations about anything – purposefully “push their thinking” by asking probing questions, such as: Why? Can you explain your thinking? What are some possible solutions?
3. Play any kind of card/board game that involves thinking & strategizing (with math fact work would be an added bonus).

The exception to this would be long term projects, or when I feel I have given sufficient class time to complete the work and it remains unfinished. Completing the work at home becomes an excellent or necessary choice.

This Month's Highlights

Sept. 4th – Labour Day
 Sept. 5th – Admin Day (No Classes)
 Sept. 6th – Admin Day (No Classes)
 Sept. 6th – Meet the Teacher (4-5pm)
 Sept. 7th – First Day of Classes!
 Sept. 29th – Orange Shirt Day
 Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Contact Mr. Caughell

Students benefit from a team approach that is established between the teacher and home. If there are any questions or concerns, communication may occur by one of these methods: the student agenda, by phone (204-482-3677) or by e-mail at gcaughell@lssd.ca