



Welcome Back To Another School Year!



We are sure you have enjoyed the family time over the summer holidays and, like many of us, find it hard to believe it's time for another school year to begin.

Our names are Mrs. Palace and Mrs. Wilson and we are thrilled to be teaching the Grade 2 classes. Although your child will have one of us for their homeroom teacher, Mrs. Wilson will be teaching the Social Studies curriculum, Mrs. Palace will be teaching the Science curriculum, Mrs. Herman will teach P.Ed and Mr. Kurschat will teach Music.

A copy of your child's timetable and a program overview will be sent home at the beginning of next week.

Housekeeping

Friday Envelope:

A Friday Envelope will be sent home every Friday. Please be sure to take it out of your child's backpack and look through all the items enclosed as it may contain important notices or documents that need to be signed such as field trip forms. Please be sure to return the Friday Envelope to school on Monday.

Agenda:

Your child will also have an agenda. Please read this daily as it will list upcoming events, marks, homework, notes from the teacher, etc. Also check the front pocket of the agenda for notices being sent home. INITIAL THE AGENDA NIGHTLY to let us know that you have seen the daily message. Please use the agenda to write your own messages to us when necessary or to let us know if you have placed anything in the front pouch. You can simply write the word "pocket" to indicate this.

Homework:

Homework will consist of nightly reading and spelling practice. Last year, the Grade 2 classes set a new record for the most books read in a year so we are hoping that we can keep the bragging rights for another year.

Additional homework may be assigned if work has not been completed in class. When this occurs, a note will be written in the agenda.

Lunch, Snack and Water Bottles:

At Keenooshayo, we encourage litter free lunches. Students have access to a microwave but if you are sending in a heat-up lunch, it needs to take no longer than 2 minutes so that all students can eat within the time provided. It would also be helpful to indicate on the container how many seconds your child should punch into the microwave unless it is already written somewhere.

In addition to snack time at morning recess, we will be having a brief snack time in the afternoon. Please pack a little something for this break or if your child has left over lunch, they can finish it at this time.

Students may also bring a water bottle - water only - to keep at their desk. Water bottles must be in a reusable bottle with a sports cap. (no twist off lids) Water bottles will be sent home Fridays to be cleaned.

Volunteering:

If you would like to help out in the classroom, please let us know. Mrs. Palace is especially looking for help on science experiments days. Volunteers will also be needed for certain field trips in order for us to attend. The number of parents needed will be indicated on the field trip form. Although we can not always take everyone signing up, we will do our best to have you attend at least one with your child.

Birthdays:

If you wish, you may send in birthday treats with your child on or near his/her birthday. We will let you know of any class allergies as soon as we receive all the information on the students. Children with summer birthdays will be celebrated at a prearranged date later in the year.

Personal Items:

Your child needs to have both indoor and outdoor shoes/boots. Please label these with your child's name. Your child's name should also be put on their coat, mitts, scarf and hat.

**Cell phones, I-pods, game systems, etc. are not allowed at school.

In the winter, students may bring a crazy carpet that can be stored at the school. Any sliding device needs to be able to be rolled and stored in a round garbage bin. Sliding down the hills is only allowed when snow pants are worn.

Communication:

If there is something that you would like to communicate to us that you do not want to write in the agenda, you can e-mail Mrs. Palace at Kelley.Palace@spschools.org or Mrs. Wilson at Linda.Wilson@spschools.org. Please note that e-mails sent outside school hours, will not be received until the next school day.

As your child's educational growth and well being is our top priority, if there is an issue or problem that arises during the school year, please immediately contact the teacher who is closest to the situation first to discuss the matter. If the situation requires further attention then a second meeting can be arranged and an administrator will join us to work towards an outcome that will continue to foster your child's growth and well-being.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working together towards a successful school year for your child.

Mrs. Palace and Mrs. Wilson