WELCOME TO GRADE 3

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY: DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

OUR CLASSROOM

INCLUSION, BEHAVIOUR & UNIFORM

Inclusion:

- Holy Cross is an inclusive school; students should not feel left out or alone.
- We are the best teachers and examples to our children/students; let's encourage the students to invite those who may seem lonely into their group to play/socialize.

Behaviour:

Students are expected to make mistakes; we will come up with solutions to problems together in order to create a meaningful learning process.

Uniform:

 A notice was sent home last week to clarify uniform expectations

DAILY PLAN, MONEY & BOOK ORDERS, HOMEWORK

NOTES:

Daily Plan:

- See attached schedule

Money & Book Orders:

- Please send all cheques & cash in an envelope/ziplock bag with the student's name and who/what it is intended for (ie. hot lunch, book order, TAC, etc.).
- Book orders: only <u>cheques</u>
 payable to Scholastic Canada
 are accepted online ordering
 is best

Homework (30-40 mins.):

Purpose: to provide practice and to teach responsibility and deadlines

- Usually whatever is not finished in class is assigned for homework
- Sometimes, extra practice will be assigned
- Planners: students will fill them out independently & teachers will check - please sign & check at home

BIRTHDAYS, FIELD TRIPS & VIP

Birthdays:

 Students are welcome to bring treats to celebrate their birthday with the class (please let me know ahead of time)

 Please exchange birthday invitations and gifts outside of the classroom.

Field Trips:

- In class: Science & Socials
- Out of class:
 - Anvil Centre: November 15, 2019
 - Year End: June 23, 2020

VIP:

 Students will be assigned a week where they will have the opportunity to share fun facts about themselves

COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHER & SEESAW APP

Communication:

- email/seesaw/phone: allow me a day to get back to you
- meetings: please call/email ahead to set up a time and let me know what it is about so I can prepare
- Please enter the school through the front door and report to the office prior to coming to the classroom

Seesaw App:

- An online portfolio that will allow you to view work throughout the year
- Use the sign up form to connect
- Reminders will be sent from school to parents through this app

CURRICULUM CONTENT (WHAT STUDENTS KNOW)

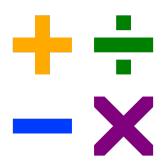
Religion:

- Programs: Christ Our Life & I'm a
 Gift From God
- Weekly Gospel Reflections
- Grade 3 school Mass:
- Thursday, November 21 & February 20
- Catholic values and worldviews are integrated into mostly every subject at school.



Math:

- Math Makes Sense
- Units: patterns, addition,
 subtraction, data relationships,
 linear measurement, fractions,
 multiplication, division, time, 2D &
 3D geometry
- Problem solving rules and practice will take place throughout all units



CURRICULUM CONTENT (WHAT STUDENTS KNOW)

Language Arts:

Reading Skills:

- read aloud, shared/guided reading, novel studies, elements of nonfiction/fiction, story and literary devices, reading and comprehension strategies
- all students should be reading a minimum of 15 minutes at home per day

Writing Skills:

 plan/create a variety of communication forms, writing process, story writing, grammar development

Spelling:

- Weekly individualized spelling tests (students will have a pre-test on Mondays, words that they spell incorrectly will be part of their spelling words to study for the week, extra challenge words will be provided to make a list of 10 words)
- Lists will be recorded in planner and spelling books for students to study from - tests will be on Fridays

Handwriting:

Will be introduced to students this year

CURRICULUM CONTENT (WHAT STUDENTS KNOW)

Social Studies:

- Culture
- First Peoples & Global Indigenous populations
- Government & SocialOrganization
- Technological Innovations
- Importance of the Environment

Science:

- Matter
- Thermal Energy
- Landforms
- Ecosystems

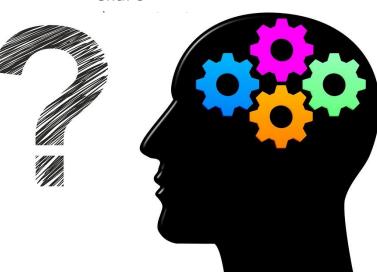


CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES (WHAT STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO DO)

Critical & Creative Thinking; Communication; Personal & Social Awareness & Responsibility

- question and predict
- plan and conduct
- process
- evaluate
- ask questions
- make inferences
- form an opinion
- compare and contrast
- reason
- analyze

- connect and reflect
- create
- comprehend
- listen
- view
- share



SPECIALTY CLASSES & CLASS GARDEN

French: Mrs. Ponis

PE: Ms. Campbell

Library Skills: Ms. Ripoli

Music/Technology: Ms. Ranallo/Mr.

Valella

Enrichment: Mrs. De Jager

Resource: Mrs. Auld

Class Garden

- The grade 3 class is responsible for the school garden under the direction of Mrs. Andrea Buonassisi
- The children are asked to bring gardening gear (old runners, old-oversized shirt, hat etc.) when it is their turn to help with the gardening

ASSESSMENT

- Students will have a variety of opportunities to show what they are able to do and what knowledge they have retained throughout the year
- To prepare them for intermediate grades, there will be some formal tests
- Typically, students will be assessed based on observations, discussions and assessment as they learn.

I look forward to a successful year full of fun and learning alongside your children!

