



Grade Three

Miss Reddekopp's Class

This newsletter outlines the important things you need to know for the beginning of your child's school year. Please read through it carefully and if you have any questions I can be reached at (403) 381-3103 or at heather.reddekopp@lethsd.ab.ca. I will also be posting monthly newsletters on my website. Go to gpro.lethsd.ab.ca and just click on the Grade 3 link.



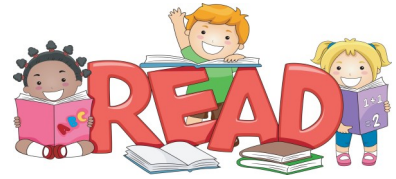
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2	3 Labour Day NO SCHOOL	4 First Day of School! Assembly @ 1:00pm	5	6 Running Club Starts	7	8 Running Club @ NS
9	10 Home Reading Program Starts	11 Running Club	12 Picture Day School Council @ 6:30pm	13 Library Running Club Meet the Teacher Night @ 5:30-6:30pm	14	15 Running Club @ NS
16	17 Spelling Program Starts	18 Running Club	19 Terry Fox Assembly @ 8:45am Hot Lunch	20 Library Book Orders Due Running Club	21 Terry Fox Walk @ 9:00am	22 Running Club @ NS
23	24	25	26	27 Library	28	29
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Agendas

Agendas will be an important part of our classroom. They will allow for communication between school and home. Most days students will write down a message that is to be shared at home. Please view and sign the agendas every night. Also, feel free to write any necessary messages in the agenda, as I will be checking them every morning. The agenda fee is \$10.00 and must be paid through **School Cash Online**.

Home Reading Program

To encourage the children to read at home regularly, an at-home reading program will begin on **Monday, September 10th**. Everyday your child will select a 'just right' book to take home. This is a book that he/she should be able to read with confidence and at times a little support from you. Please use this opportunity to read *with* your child by listening to them and *discussing the content of what they have read*. Support from home is essential for this program to be successful. Further details will be included in the home reading package sent home on **September 10th**. I hope you enjoy watching your child's literacy skills develop throughout the year.



Nut-Aware Classroom

There are multiple students with severe-nut allergies in the classroom. Please be mindful of this when you are packing your child's lunches. Exposure to foods containing peanuts/nuts can be very harmful to these children. Your cooperation is tremendously appreciated.



Learning Commons Book Exchange

Every **Thursday** our class has a scheduled time in the Learning Commons. Please ensure your child brings their library books back to school **every week** so that they can be exchanged or renewed.



Spelling Program

At the beginning of the week, your child will write a list of 5 -10 words in their agenda. A letter will also be sent home to parents explaining the spelling pattern we are currently focussing on. We will practice these words at school for two weeks using a variety of word study activities. At home practice is encouraged as well. Students will receive a spelling quiz every 2nd Friday to assess their understanding of the spelling rule. Research indicates that, in many cases, students can spell words correctly on a test, but fail to transfer this knowledge to their everyday writing. The real test of spelling is the way that students spell in their everyday work. With this in mind, my assessment will be based primarily on writing samples and **NOT** on how they score on biweekly quizzes. The spelling program will start on **Monday, September 17th**.

Notes Sent Home

Multiple student information forms will be sent home throughout the first week of school. Please complete these forms and return them to the school as soon as possible. Any notes for you will be placed in the front pocket of your child's agenda.

I have attached a parent survey to help me learn more about your child and provide him/her with the best possible learning experience. Please complete and return the survey to the school as soon as possible.

I look forward to a wonderful year working with you and your child!

