

SEPT/OCT NEWS

September Virtue: Hospitality
October Virtue: Gratitude



SPECIAL DATES

Sept 28 - Picture Day
Sept 29 - Orange Shirt day

Oct 2 - National Day for
Truth & Reconciliation

Oct 9 - Thanksgiving

Oct 13 - Mass

Oct 27 - Grade 5 Prayer

Oct 31 - Character Day


CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- **Agenda** - Students will bring their agenda home every day for parents to review and sign. You, as parents/guardians, may also use it to communicate with the teacher.
- **Homework** - Spelling words will be sent home on Monday and tests will be on Friday. Some class time is given for practice, but students are encouraged to study nightly as needed. Any other work not completed during class time will be assigned for homework.
- **Toys/Phones** - Any items not required for learning are a distraction and are to be kept at home.
- **Class Norms** - Our class norms are the expectations for everyone in our class.
 - Being responsible and helpful
 - Being calm, quiet, and kind
 - Keeping the class clean and respectable
 - Everyone is safe and learning
 - Including everyone
 - Having Fun
- **Classroom Management** - Students are given reminders during the day about classroom expectations such as listening, working, and staying in their seat. Students struggling to meet these and other classroom expectations will be spoken to in private first. If their choices continue to be a disruption to their learning or to others, students will be required to complete a reflection sheet that will help them to analyze the choices they are making in class. The reflection sheet will be sent home for their adult to review and discuss with them. The next step will be a phone call home to discuss the issue and plan for mitigation. If all of the steps above fail to help the student meet expectations, then the Principal will be asked to intervene.




LEARNING UPDATE



- ~ **Math** - We are practicing our math facts and reviewing place value and number sense to 1 million. Next we will study multiplication and division strategies with whole numbers before we get into fractions and decimals.
 - ~ **Science** - This term our unit is on solutions and solubility. Students are studying mixtures and substances.
 - ~ **Language Arts** - We are studying the novel "Fortunately the Milk" by Neil Gaiman. We will be practicing grammar, punctuation, and sentence writing as well as spelling words each week. Students are expected to study their words at home as well as at school. We will also be using drama to practice oral language and expression.
 - ~ **Social Studies** - This term we will be studying Canadian history - issues and governance to coincide with Truth and Reconciliation Day.
 - ~ **Career Ed.** - In Careers we are learning about personal and social awareness through growth mindset activities. We will be doing goal-setting and reflecting on our learning in different ways.
 - ~ **Arts Ed.** - In art class we are studying drama. By using dramatic exercises such as improv, we will learn about expression and be creative. We are also designing cereal boxes to connect to our novel study.
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OTHER NEWS

- **Homework club** - The club will start in October. Students needing extra help or time to work on assignments will be able to stay on Thursdays after school until 4pm.
 - **Class newsletters** - These will be sent out monthly but please check agendas and read the school newsletters as well!
 - **Volunteers** - Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help out in our class! Please check with Mrs. Cabrera that your file is up-to-date. I will be reaching out soon to make arrangements. Thank you so much!
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CONTACT



Please connect with me at smckenzie@cispg.ca or through the school phone line 250-782-4923. I am always happy to make time for you!

Thank you for your cooperation and support!
Mrs. Shannon McKenzie

