



NEWSLETTER

Kindergarten Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the start of a wonderful school year! I am so excited to begin this learning journey with your child. Below are some updates on what we are learning this term and ways you can stay connected.

English Language Arts

- I can play with sounds, words, and rhymes.
- I can notice when words start with the same sound or rhyme.
- I can try out new letters and sounds when I read or write.
- I can listen to stories, think about what I hear, and ask questions.
- I can make connections between stories and my own life.
- I can look at books and pictures and share what I notice and wonder.
- I can use simple tools and technology to help me learn and create.
- I can share my ideas, feelings, and what I know with others.

Mathematics

- I can count objects, sounds, pictures, and movements.
- I can count forward from different numbers and count backward from 10.
- I can quickly recognize small amounts without counting each one.
- I can show numbers in different ways using objects, fingers, 5-frames, 10-frames, and number racks.
- I can recognize, read, and write numbers.
- I can put numbers in the correct order.
- I can arrange objects in ways that make it easier to see how many there are.
- I can put smaller amounts together to make a larger amount.

Social Studies

- I can share what makes me unique.
- I can talk about important events in my life.
- I can talk about what I need to be healthy and safe.
- I can understand my responsibilities as a learner.
- I can talk about the different roles people have in my family, school, and community.

Science

- I can notice and talk about how the weather changes with the seasons.
- I can notice how plants and animals change with the seasons.
- I can talk about how people and animals do different things as the seasons change.
- I can talk about what plants and animals do during the day and at night.

Arts Education

- I can create art that shows my ideas and things I like.
- I can explore colours, lines, shapes, and textures in my art.
- I can use art to share an idea or tell a story.
- I can talk about my artwork and what I created.
- I can look at and enjoy the artwork of others.

ADST and Careers (integrated throughout each subject)

- I can reflect on how I work by myself and within a group.
- I can generate ideas from my experiences and interests.
- I can identify and appreciate my personal attributes, skills, interests and accomplishments.
- I can choose tools and materials to construct ideas or products.
- I can recognize the basic skills required in a variety of jobs and in my schoolwork.

Communication

- Please communicate through email (amclain@cispg.ca). I do my best to check my email frequently throughout the day.
- To be informed about what is happening in the school please make sure you view the **Notre Dame School Calendar** for school events such as early dismissals, Spirit Days, and days not in session.
- **SpacesEDU** will be used to share student work, classroom announcements, and reminders, and pictures or videos of classroom activities. Please make sure you have accepted the invitation via email so that you don't miss anything important.
- Students will be provided with a back and forth folder to protect papers sent home. Please check this folder daily.

Allergy Aware School:

Following CISPG policy 329, "Student: Anaphylaxis." Notre Dame School is an Allergy-Aware School. We try to create and maintain a safe environment for children with food allergies.

Some best practices we use in the school setting to be allergen-aware are:

- Students wash their hands before and after lunch.
- Allergy Alert Signs are posted at classroom entrances.
- Students are not to share food.
- Desks are cleaned twice throughout the day.

Classroom Promises

In Kindergarten, we are learning how to build a safe, caring, and respectful classroom community. These are the norms we are practicing each day:

- We keep our hands and bodies to ourselves.
- We share and take turns with our toys and materials.
- We use walking feet in our classroom and hallways.
- We raise our hands to speak and use our listening ears when someone else is talking.
- We use our words to solve problems. If we still need help we ask a teacher.
- We take care of our classroom, the school, and the things we use.

These simple expectations help us learn, play, and grow together in a safe and happy classroom.

Important Reminders

- The **Notre Dame Playground Expectations** state that toys are to be left at home. Please ensure toys such as Pokemon cards, stuffed animals, and action figures are not brought to school.

Birthday Treats

- We love celebrating birthdays in Kindergarten! If you would like to send a treat for your child's birthday, please choose something that is easy to hand out to the whole class, such as cupcakes or another individually portioned treat. This helps us celebrate together while keeping things quick and simple during our busy school day. Sending a birthday treat is completely optional!

Thank you for your continued support as your child begins Kindergarten. Together, we will make this a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and joy in learning.

Sincerely,
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