



Grade 3 News

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Dear families,

A warm welcome back to everyone, and a special welcome to our new families in our Grade 3 class. In our class, we are dedicated to building a safe, compassionate community of lifelong learners who are respectful, responsible, cooperative, and friendly citizens.

Supporting Your Child at Home

Parents often ask how they can best support their child's learning at home. Here are a few simple ways that can make a meaningful difference:

1. Read together!

Enjoy a variety of reading materials together—fiction, nonfiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines, or other texts that interest your child. Reading together helps build literacy skills and shows your child that reading and learning are valued.

2. Establish a routine.

Set aside regular quiet time during the week for reading, homework, or other learning activities. Involve your child in creating a routine that works for your family. Consistent routines and clear expectations help children develop independence and positive learning habits.

Regular and punctual attendance is also an important part of your child's success. Helping your child arrive at school on time ensures they are ready to begin the day with their classmates.

3. Start a conversation.

Talking about the school day is a great way to stay connected to your child's learning. Try questions such as:

- What was the silliest or most interesting thing that happened today?
- Tell me two things you learned today.
- What was something you were proud of today?
- Who did you play or spend time with at recess?

At Notre Dame, we understand students get sick, or appointments come up that are sometimes hard to book for after-school hours. Please try to have your child at school before the 8:45 am bell, as our mornings are very busy with Numeracy and English Language Arts. If, for any reason, your child will not be at school, please email me at nmackrell@cispg.ca and Mrs. Cabrera at notredame@cispg.ca.



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Communication:

- Please view the monthly Notre Dame School Calendar for school events such as early dismissals, Spirit Days, and days not in session.
- Student agendas are used daily to help students prepare for their day. Agendas are sent home for parents to sign and to support communication with the school. These agendas are your son or daughter's responsibility; please help them get into a habit of remembering to repack them for school the next day.
- **November 10 – Grade 3 Prayer Service:** Grade 3 students will lead our school community in prayer. Families are welcome to attend

Spaced EDU:

We will be using **SpacesEDU** throughout the year to share classroom information, student learning, and photos of your child engaged in learning activities.

Please accept the invitation to join our classroom. If you have difficulty accessing SpacesEDU, you can sign up at SpacesEDU.com using our class code: **CA-C0Cbmtfv**. If you need any assistance getting connected, please feel free to email me.

Grade 3 Class Norms:

As a class, we chose how we should act around others to have good days, and a fantastic year.

The students chose:

1. Be kind, honest, and respectful
2. Never give up
3. Treat others the way you would want to be treated

Allergy-Aware Classroom

Grade 3 is an **allergy-aware classroom**. We have students with allergies to **milk, gluten, cherries, and nuts**. To help keep all students safe, we encourage families to send allergy-aware alternative snacks and lunch items whenever possible.

Students are reminded not to share food with others and to eat recess snacks and lunch only in designated areas. If you would like to send treats for the class, please **check with the teacher in advance** to ensure they are appropriate for our classroom allergies.

Our priority is a healthy, safe classroom. As our class practices healthy hygiene, extra Kleenex and Lysol wipes donations are always welcome!



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Mathematics

- I can read and write numbers up to 100 in words.
- I can use 10 blocks to show numbers to 1000.
- I can count forward by 1, 10, 100 to 1000.
- I can order 3-digit numbers.
- I can identify the greatest number and the least number.
- I can identify number patterns.
- I can use mental math
- I can solve real-world addition and subtraction problems.
- I can add 2-digit or 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping using different strategies.
- I can find the missing number in addition and subtraction sentences.

English Language Arts

Reading:

- I can make connections to stories I am reading
- I can engage actively as a listener, viewer, and as a reader
- I can make predictions about stories I am reading
- I can generate ideas from their experiences and interests
- I can use knowledge of patterns and phonics to decode words
- I can identify familiar and "sight" words
- I can self-correct when I make an error

Writing:

- I can have legible handwriting with spaces between my words
- I can use basic punctuation and spelling to make my writing easier to understand.
- I can keep writing for a longer time without giving up or losing my train of thought.
- I can recognize and write the sounds I hear

Speaking/Listening:

- I can engage actively as a listener, viewer, and as a reader.
- I can focus on the speaker
- I can speak with expression
- I can connect with my audience



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Arts Education

- I can use lines, shapes, space, texture, and colour to communicate ideas through art.
- I can use different tools, symbols, and techniques to create art.
- I can use patterns, repetition, and the principles of design.

Social Studies

- I can learn about local BC, Canadian, and other North American First Peoples.
- I can understand why stories are important to indigenous people.
- I can recognize the importance of positive relationships in my life.
- I can understand why elders play an important part in the lives of First Peoples.

Science

- I can explain what biodiversity is.
- I can show why biodiversity is important in an ecosystem.
- I can talk about the different communities in the ecosystem and which animals live there.
- I can use first-person knowledge of living things to show interconnectedness.
- I can explain how the flow of food energy is shared.
- I can explain why all things are related and interact with each other in the environment.

Please keep an eye on our school's newsletter for upcoming news at notredameschool.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 250-782-4923 or by email at nmackrell@cispg.ca

-N Mackrell