



Grade 4B News

September 8, 2020

Monday Sept. 7	Tuesday Sept. 8	Wednesday Sept. 9	Thursday Sept. 10	Friday Sept. 11
	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1
Labour Day Monday				
		P.E. (gym clothes)	P.E. (gym clothes)	

This is where you can find information for the week, such as which days you need gym clothes, hot lunch days, when forms are due, test dates, etc.

Welcome students and families to the 4B class!

This is the first official newsletter for the year, so it is going to be PACKED with information. Don't let the length of it detour you from reading it all, it basically breaks down all the things you "need to know" for the year. The newsletters in coming weeks will **not** be as lengthy, but they will give you information such as when projects are due, the spelling words for the week, days that gym clothes are needed, and when library books are due. Check your email for a link to the note each **Friday** (it will be posed on the class website). If you **need** a paper copy, you may request one to be sent home with your child each week.

Here's a rundown of what we'll be doing in each unit to start the year:

Science - We will be studying Rocks and Minerals. We will learn about the Rock Cycle and the names of different rocks, we'll also learn about minerals, fossils and erosion.

Math - In math, our first unit will be Place Value. We will be working with numbers up to 10,000. We will learn to recognize numbers, break numbers apart and add numbers up. We will also be polishing off our addition facts as we work through this unit.

L.A. Novel Study - Our first novel will be Because of Winn Dixie by Katie DiCamillo.

This novel is short, but it has a storyline that focuses on empathy for others and the power of friendship.

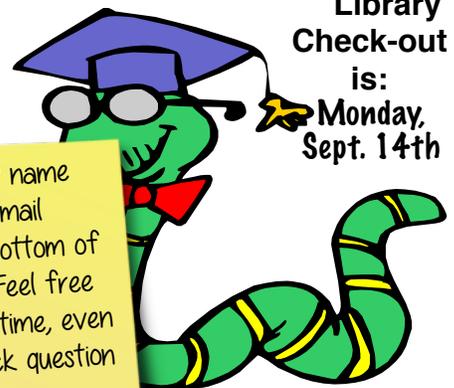
Phys-ed - Our first unit will be taking us outside and we will focus on skills that will allow us to have some fun, while challenging us to move!!

Blessings,
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This part of the newsletter is where you can get a brief summary of what we are doing in each unit for the week. You can find out when to return library books by the worm.

Library Check-out is:
Monday, Sept. 14th

I always sign my name and include my email address at the bottom of the first page. Feel free to email at any time, even if it's just a quick question or to check in.



Spelling Words

Lesson 1

- consonant blends
and 2-syllable words

1. bridge
2. gravity
3. hungry
4. eclipse
5. secret
6. applaud
7. laundry
8. trouble
9. attract
10. twilight
11. between
12. describe
13. snowflake
14. freedom
15. slimy
16. glance
17. burglar
18. switch

Teacher Words

19. because
20. were

Challenge Words

21. hundred
22. thousand
23. mineral
24. science
25. Mrs. Leferink

Bible Memory - Books of the Old Testament

Due Friday, September 18th

Pentateuch

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy



Memory Verse

Here is where you can find Bible Memory verses. On weeks where there is Bible memory, each student will be asked to learn the verse well enough that they can recite it, from memory (including where the verse is found) and also tell me what the verse means.

Read below to find out how to earn a '4' in Bible Memory.

Here is where you can find the spelling words for the week.

- 18 words from the spelling workbook
- 2 teacher words (usually connected to a unit we're doing)
- 5 challenge words

Read below about what the expectations for spelling are.

For your information



Class	Phys-ed	Music	Library check-out
Don't forget....	*gym clothes	*recorder *music book	*library books
What day the class is on?	Days 2, 3, 5, 6	Days 1 and 5	Day 2

Masks, hand sanitizer and Hand washing - As you know, this year students are required to wear masks at school. I have paper bags at school for students to place their masks in when they are not wearing them. Please have 2 bags (they may be plastic or paper) in your child's backpack — one for clean masks and one for dirty masks.

- We will be reviewing hand washing at school, but it may be a good idea to remind students at home that 20 seconds is needed to scrub the hands, before rinsing. Also getting in the habit of washing hands before and after eating.

- We have hand sanitizer available in the classroom. If your child would like to bring hand sanitizer from home, that is fine, but I ask that you avoid hand sanitizers that are heavily scented as we have students and staff that have allergies and other respiratory issues that are aggravated by strong scents.

The 'For your Information' box usually contains extra information for the week, such as when reminders are needed to bring something special to school, information for field trips, special treat days/movie days/spirit week activities, etc.

Here's where I go on-and-on about things I think are important, but you may want only to skim through right now. However, you may also want to keep this note so when questions arise you can come back and find the answers you need on here.

Spelling Words

Spelling tests are on Friday, unless otherwise stated in the newsletter. Students are expected to learn the 18 words from the spelling lesson AND the two teacher words. All of the tests are marked out of 20, even if a child chooses to learn the challenge words as well.

Challenge Words - - The challenge words give your child the chance to earn a '4' on the report card. There are 5 challenge words. If your child gets 23 out of the 25 words or more they will earn a '4'.

Bible Memory

You can look above to see what the expectations are for the Bible Memory verse, but to earn a '4' in Bible memory, students will have to recite 2 additional memory verses each term. Your child can choose the verses, but they must okay them with myself to make sure they are not too short, etc. They may recite them at any point throughout the term (I will give you a cut-off date when the term is over). I suggest doing them on weeks where we do not have Bible memory or when there is an 'easier' verse during a week.

Agenda Books

The agenda book is where you can find your child's daily homework and reminders. I will initial your child's agenda every day before it comes home and it is my expectation that an adult will in turn sign/initial the book each evening so that I know that you have seen the information inside. It is your child's responsibility to ask you to sign their agenda book each day. Gentle reminders are always encouraged, but please teach your child how to take this responsibility as their own. Your initials in their agenda tells me that you have seen it and you know the work they do or do not have for that evening.

4B Routines:

- Blue note (newsletter) newly accessible every Friday
- At this point gym clothes are not required this year, but eventually they may be. When they are, please make sure your child has theirs at school and if they need to be washed, make sure they're back for the next gym class (taking them home on a Friday and returning them on a Monday is always a good idea).

A couple of things to keep in mind for the parents:

- ~ Homework that is sent home is often work that has not been finished during class time or it is a special project that needs to be worked on at home.
- ~ Studying for things like Bible memory, spelling words, and math facts should become a part of your child's routine. Find a time that works best for your family and use a way that is motivating for your child to learn at their best.

For example:

- If they practice their Bible memory for 2-3 minutes every evening then they will have it ready for Friday without having to cram it in Thursday night. This also allows them to retain the verse once it has been recited.
- Have a list of spelling words in the car so your child can practice to or from wherever you're headed.
- Make flash cards for math facts or play some of the great online games for learning addition, subtraction and multiplication facts.

Notes that are coming home to be signed or will be coming home soon :



Scholastic Book Orders - I will be sending home 'Scholastic' Book orders once a month. Please take time to look through them, but do not feel that you must order anything. There are occasionally really great deals on book series or popular novels which make great birthday or Christmas gifts. There is now an option for you to order and pay online!! I also will be sending home book orders for all ages, that way if you have younger or older children in the house, nieces, nephews, etc., you have more options of book selection.

Computer Contract - Please take time to read over the Computer contract with your child. Your child will not be able to use the school computers until it has been signed and returned to school. (The contract will be coming home Wednesday or Thursday).

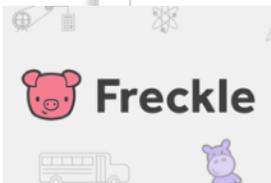


Code of Conduct - In the school handbook, you will be required to read and sign the Code of Conduct as a family. If you haven't already done so, take time to sign and return it to school.



Typing.com - In grade four, we begin learning how to type, using proper finger placement using an online program. We will spend 21 consecutive school days heading to the computer lab for a period to practice typing, using the proper finger positioning and then we will continue to work on these skills as the year progresses. In a few weeks, once we have established routines here at school, I will send home the log-in information so that your child has the ability to continue working through the program at home.

SeeSaw - Another note that is coming home is for family access to the SeeSaw program. Many families will be familiar with this App that allows you, the families, to view work, videos and pictures of your child from their time at school. If you do not already have the App, follow the instructions on the paper to install it to your smart phone, computer or tablet and take a peek into the life of your child in 4B. You can also pass the paper onto grandparents or other family members or friends who would like to see your child's work.



Freckle - Freckle is designed to help students in their learning of mathematics, language arts, social studies and science. It is designed to follow the Common Core Standards (learning outcomes set up by the United States government), so it doesn't exactly follow the Provincial outcomes we follow in Manitoba. I will be using it mostly to enhance our learning in mathematics this year. I will send home log-in information for this site as well, so feel free to access it at home.

Owl Magazine - Please take a look at the small handout asking if you would like to sign up for a subscription to Chirp/Chickadee/Owl magazines. Please indicate on the sheet whether you are interested in a subscription or not and fill out your child's name on the paper and return it to the school (if you would like a subscription, fill out the entire form before returning it). For every 5 signed forms I receive back, I can get a prize for our classroom, including a class set of stickers. (I will send home this information, once I receive it!!)