Welcome to Division 11!

Hello my name is Ms. Diep and I will be your child’s teacher for the school year. I am so excited to teach and explore the world with your child and I hope that families will join us on this journey. In this notice are some class guidelines so that we may all have a safe, comfortable and fun year. If guardians have any questions or concerns, please request to arrange a time to speak with me in person or over the phone. An alternative contact method would be through your child’s planner. Thank you and let’s have an amazing year!

School Schedule

8:50am – Door opens

8:53am – Class instruction begins

10:15am – 10:30am – Snack time

10: 25am – 10:40am – Recess

12:00pm – 12:15pm Inside for Lunch

12:15pm – 12:53pm Outside for Lunch

3:00pm - Dismissal

\* Please complete a daily health screen for your child before coming to school and keep them home if they are unwell

\*\*Families that are running behind schedule please go to the front office to get a late slip

Family Tree

Please have your child bring a family photo to school to leave on the wall for the school year. This will allow us to get to know each other better and help with family and community unit.

Planners

Please read and initial your child’s planner every night as important information will be written in here. In the front pocket of your child’s planner will be where important notices are delivered home, please check the pocket often. I will also check your child’s planner every day to respond to any messages written inside and collect any notices.

(our official planners will be arriving in early October)

Reading

Reading is an important skill and I would highly encourage families to read with their child every night for 15 - 20 minutes. Reading together is a great way to spend quality time and to develop a love for books. To help foster a habit of reading together please write down the number of minutes you were able to read together in your child’s planner next to your initials. More information about the online reading program that can be used at school or at home will be sent within the next few weeks. This is a great resource for students to build their reading skills and their love for books.

Spelling

The words of the week will be written in the planner. Please take some time to practice reading and writing them with your child. Some other activities include using the words to write notes or sentences or make a game out of it such as hangman. Our class goal is to continue growing your child’s knowledge and their love for learning. “Words Their Way” is a program we will be using in the classroom this school year. More information will be sent out soon about the program and how to engage with the program at home for extra literacy practice.

Outdoor classroom

Every day please be prepared to go outdoors rain or shine. As a class we spend lots of time engaging in learning outdoors on school property or next door at Suncrest Park . This is an opportunity for students to connect with nature, learn about the environment, and make connections to the curriculum from the outdoor environment. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate attire to be outside. I highly recommend rain boots, a rain jacket and rain pants as well as keeping a spare change of clothes and shoes in the classroom.

Special Helper

Every week there will be special helper for the week who will assist me with small tasks throughout the day such as handing out notices or running things to the office, etc. On Monday the special helper is allowed to bring an item they would like to share with the class, however I ask that it is not too valuable or fragile. Please help your child fill out the sheet about their special item to share with the class. This sheet will be sent home prior to your child’s turn as special helper and will be placed in the front planner pocket.

Birthdays

If guardians wish to bring treats to share with the class please ensure they are nut free and that there are enough for every student in the class. Please confirm with me the number of students in the class before bringing in the treats as the number of students can change throughout the school year. If birthday invitations are only given to certain students please try to distribute them outside of class or give them to me to give out discretely as to avoid any hurt feelings.

Personal Belongings

Please ensure your child leaves any toys, playing cards or books at home. We have lots of toys, games and materials to enjoy in the classroom.

Information Sharing

I will be sharing information through my class blog: <https://sd41blogs.ca/diepr/> or it can be accessed through the school website under the staff link.

Thank you,

Ms. Diep