

Welcome to



DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to Grade 5! I know this year will be a valuable and exciting time from beginning to end. I look forward to our partnership in providing your child with experiences to aid their growth and development. Below is some important information to get the year started well. It is greatly appreciated if all 5T parents take the time to read each item that is noted below.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 13 ~

Meet the Teacher and Awards
Night Presentations (7 pm)

Friday, September 15 ~

PD Day- No School for Students

Peanut + Nut Free Classroom

Due to student nut allergies, please refrain from sending any food items containing peanuts or nuts with your child to school. Let's keep 5T a nut free classroom!

Student Agendas

Each student at Caledonia is encouraged to use the student agenda that they were given on the first day of school. These agendas serve as an important communication tool between home and school. Please check your child's agenda each evening and sign on that day's block – so we know you are aware of the day's events and activities. In my class, I use it to write important notes to parents. Students of 5T are expected to record marks on assignments and tests in them as I pass them back. As well, they are to copy a short Morning Message from the board each day, which will give them an overview of the day and reminders of upcoming events or tests and due dates. It is of utmost importance that you make agenda checks with your child a part of your daily routine. Students will be rewarded for communicating with their parents and having signed agendas each day.

Grade 5 Home Reading Program

Students are asked to read for at least fifteen minutes per day which they record on a Reading Club record page. When students read more than 15 minutes they should record the minutes on that day only (minutes read cannot be carried forward to other days). A record page is attached to this newsletter.

When the record page is completed your child should return it to me in order to receive recognition for their accomplishment. Of course, the true reward for reading, is reading itself! Afterwards a new Club record page will be sent home in their student agenda. Over the years it has been noted that those who read daily do improve their reading skills.



Class Dojo

is the behaviour and incentive program that I use in 5T. Class Dojo makes it easy to keep my students alert and on-task. Student's earn points for positive behaviours (having their agenda signed, helping others, etc.) and lose points for negative behaviours (no agenda signed, off task, etc.). They can use their points to earn incentives (i.e fun pens, erasers, hot lunch voucher, healthy snack, sit in the teacher's chair for a day). Class Dojo instantly reinforces good classroom behaviour, engages students in minutes, and provides me with data at my fingertips for monitoring progress.

Attached is an invitation page— by providing your contact information, you will be able to gain access to Class Dojo and daily monitor your child's point progress.

Reminders to Parents

1. Students are required to have indoor shoes. They are not permitted to wear outside shoes indoors.
2. Scholastic Book orders will be available soon. Orders are voluntary.
3. Don't forget to check your child's agenda.

Parent Volunteers & Contact List

If you would like to volunteer in our class, please indicate on the form below. Any assistance that can be given is a huge help to get done the many things needing attention in our 5T class (i.e. bulletin boards, photocopying, reading, help at special events).

In addition, it makes it easy to contact all parents efficiently if you provide me with your **email address**. I check my email throughout the day, so this is my preferred method of communication.

SPELLING Words

Starting this week, a spelling list will be sent home in your child's agenda. The list comes home every Monday, and the test will be on the coming Friday. Students are responsible for **learning** and **practicing** their words on a daily basis. I would appreciate if you would ensure they get studied. 😊



Grade 5 PE

1. Please monitor that your child has appropriate footwear (running shoes) and gym clothes for each class. Shorts, sweat pants, or loose fitting pants (no jeans, or skirts) and a t-shirt would be considered good Phys. Ed. attire. Your child will be asked to sit out or do another activity, like walk, if they do not have a change of clothes and/or appropriate footwear.
2. If your child is not feeling well, has an injury, has a medical condition or anything else that would be helpful to know about, please make sure to send a note with your child on that day or a note in their agenda. Having the child tell me verbally is not the best way to communicate this type of information and I would prefer a note directly from the parent.

Snack

The students have time to eat a snack during the morning recess. Please ensure that your child has a healthy choice of snack every day. Some examples are: a piece of fruit, carrot sticks, a muffin, or a granola bar.

Lunch

The children eat their lunch at 12:00 in our classroom. There is only **one microwave** available for our class to heat their lunch. There are typically many students needing the microwave. Thus, each student will get a maximum of 45 sec. to re-heat their food. It will not be used for cooking frozen meals. If your child likes warm lunches, please send it in a thermos.

There is also a hot lunch program at our school. This can be ordered and payed for online.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school office: (780) 986-7888 or by email: michelle.trew@blackgold.ca



Contact Information

Please fill out the information below and *return with your child tomorrow*. It is greatly appreciated having up-to-date contact information for every parent in my class.

Please cut on the line below and return to Mrs. Trew

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Student Name

Name(s):

Phone number(s):

Email address(es):

Volunteering:

- No, I am not able to volunteer in the 5T classroom at this time.
- Yes, sign me up to volunteer in the 5T classroom.

I am interested in helping with:

- ___ Bulletin boards
- ___ Assist with student reading
- ___ Photocopying
- ___ Special Events

For those interested in volunteering, Mrs. Trew will contact you to discuss further :D