



Grade 3/4 Arends Class Information 2016-2017 School Year



Welcome to our grade three four split class! My name is Mrs. Tessa Arends and I am very excited to be your child's teacher for the year. This is my fourth year teaching at Caledonia Park School. I am looking forward to the many wonderful learning opportunities we have ahead of us. Below is an outline of the expectations and routines for this year. Please review this information carefully.

Google Apps: Learning online is a huge part of your child's education. Black Gold School District uses Google Suite. Your child has a gmail account and will need to use it daily. Youtube has a variety of videos that can teach you how to log on to Gmail at home.

Seesaw: Soon, you will have a parent account for Seesaw. This app will connect you, your child, and myself. Your child will be expressing their knowledge and understanding of curriculum through documents, videos, and photographs. I strongly encourage you to comment on your child's work.

Agenda: Your child will be bringing home an agenda every day. If they have homework, it will be recorded in the agenda. Upcoming information will also be communicated through your child's agenda. This agenda needs to be brought back to school daily. Please check the agenda nightly and initial so I know that you have read it. The agenda will be sent home in your child's Kanga pouch or a Ziploc bag to ensure it stays in good condition.

Star Student of the Week: I have assigned students to be the star of the week for one full week this year. Your child will bring home a poster a week before they are the star student. Please help your child complete their poster and ensure it is brought back to school on the Monday of their assigned week. The poster will be on display in our room for the week.

Toys: Please encourage your child not to bring personal toys and/or electronics to school, as these are often lost or broken. Due to an increase in enrollment at our school students are discouraged from bringing scooters to school. If they choose to bring them as a means of transportation, they will have to be locked up outside at the bike racks.

Library: Mrs. Wurban will be teaching your child Library. Our class has library time scheduled once a week. Each student will be able to check out two books from the library. Both books will go home for nightly reading. Your child will select a book from our classroom library to stay in their desk for silent reading.

Physical Education: Grade three students will be taught gym by Mrs. Tilleman and Ms. Cartwright. Grade four students will be taught gym by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. McClements. We have three 40

minute gym classes scheduled each week. Students are responsible for having the appropriate footwear and clothing. They need to have shoes without black soles, sweatpants or shorts, and a t-shirt.

Homework: Time is given in class to start all assignments. Anything that is not completed during the allotted class time will be sent home to finish. There may be circumstances where the students are asked to complete a special assignment at home. In these cases, a note will be sent home to describe the assignment expectations. In the event that there is no homework, students are encouraged to have a regular homework routine that may include 15-30 minutes of reading or nightly review.

Scholastic Book Orders: I will be sending order forms out each month. This is a great opportunity for your children to find grade level reading material. Cash, cheques and online payment are accepted, but please make all cheques payable to Scholastic Canada. Also please send the correct amount of cash as I cannot make change in the classroom. The September order will be attached with this letter. With online payment I will still require the order form so I know which books to distribute.

Birthdays: You are welcome to bring in a treat for your child's birthday if you wish. A good time to share a treat is morning recess. Please be at the classroom for 10:20 AM. If your child had a birthday in July or August you are welcome to choose a day in September to celebrate. Please ensure that all foods are nut-free!

Lunch and Recess: Lunch hour is from 12:00-12:20 each day. There is a microwave in our classroom; however, please only send in pre-cooked food items that will take no longer than one minute to reheat. This will ensure that your child and their classmates have enough time to eat their lunch. Please pack a healthy snack for your child to enjoy during recess such as, yoghurt, fruit, raw vegetables, granola, etc. Parents must send a note if their child will be going home for lunch.

Student Information Sheet: I have attached a student information sheet. Please complete and returned to me as soon as possible. Ensure that your primary email address is completed correctly as email is our primary line of communication.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. I strongly encourage you to come to me about any concerns, issues and/or questions you may have. You may contact me through your child's agenda, through email at tessa.arends@gshare.blackgold.ca or you may phone the school at (780)986-7888. I will communicate with parents regularly through email and will be sending home pertinent information that needs to be brought to your attention.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child over the next year!

Sincerely,
Tessa Arends

