

# Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Winney Li, and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year. It is with immense joy and enthusiasm that I extend a heartfelt welcome to you and your children to the Grade 3 year!

## **Communication:**

Effective communication and partnership are key to a successful year. I will be maintaining communication with you through student agendas, emails, and phone calls.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours. You can reach me via email at [winney.li@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:winney.li@gshare.blackgold.ca) or by phone at (780) 986-7888.

## **Class Info:**

**Agendas:** Your child will bring home an agenda every day. Each day, they will note homework assignments and any messages in it. I kindly ask that you read your child's messages and initial them nightly. This will help me ensure that important information has been communicated to you. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to message me in the agenda.

**Lunch:** Students will not have access to a microwave. Please ensure that any items requiring heating are pre-heated and packed in thermal containers. The lunch hour is scheduled from 11:50 AM to 12:15 PM each day. Parents must send a note if their child will be going home for lunch. Please encourage your child to bring wholesome snacks and lunches that nourish their minds and bodies!

**Water Bottles:** I ask that all students bring a reusable water bottle to class which can be filled up during break times. Please make sure it has a lid and his/her name on it. Please remind your child that only water is allowed to be brought in their bottles.

**Homework:** I will not frequently assign homework, considering our busy schedules. However, if a student doesn't utilize their class time effectively, assignments may be sent home to complete. Please ensure your child finishes any homework sent home. This is crucial as the curriculum builds on itself, and incomplete work could hinder their understanding of future concepts.

If your child misses a day, their missed assignments will be posted on Google Classroom by the end of that day. It's recommended they try to complete as much as possible on the evening of their return to prevent falling too far behind.

**Library:** Mrs. Wurban, our school Librarian, will guide our class in the Library. Each student can borrow two books from the library. One book will remain at school for silent reading, while the other will be taken home for nightly reading. We encourage students to spend 15-30 minutes reading every night. Please ensure library books are returned on library day.

**Technology:** We suggest families consider allowing their child to bring a personal Chromebook or laptop to school. While not mandatory, it can be a valuable addition to their learning experience. If your child decides to bring their own device, they will be responsible for its upkeep. They can store their device in a designated area in the classroom or transport it to and from school.

**Toys/Scooters:** Please encourage your child not to bring personal toys or electronics to school, as they are susceptible to getting lost or damaged. Due to increased enrollment, students are discouraged from bringing scooters to school. If used for transportation, they must be locked up outside at the bike racks.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Every month, I will send home book order forms from Scholastic Canada. Participation in the book order program is entirely voluntary. If you decide to order books, kindly complete the order form and return it by the indicated date on the form. If possible, make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.; however, we kindly request that you avoid using cash.

**School Info:**

**Schedule:** We are on a DAY 1-5 schedule and our bell schedule can be found [HERE](#) on our school website.

**Morning Routine & Absences:** Our class will be entering and exiting the school through the northwest boot room that is on the tarmac area where there are basketball nets. The only time that students are permitted to use the front doors is if they are arriving after the school bell, so please DO NOT tell your child it is ok for them to use the front doors at any other time. If they arrive late and our bootroom doors are locked, they need to walk to the front doors of the school, ring the doorbell (left wall) and they will be let in. The doors will be open at 8:05 am. Please ensure that they are at school in time for the 8:10 bell. If your child is absent, please contact me and the school office at (780) 986-7888, or send an email to [cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca](mailto:cps.studentabsence@blackgold.ca).

**Newsletters:** All school newsletters will be uploaded to our school website and can be viewed [HERE](#).

**Curriculum:** To access more information regarding the Alberta curriculum and what your child will be learning this year, click [HERE](#).

Once again, welcome to Grade 3! I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of your child's educational journey, and I can't wait to get to know each and every one of them.

Ms. Li

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ms Li". The letters are fluid and cursive.

Grade 3 Teacher