Information Items Specific to Grade Two

School Supplies

In grade 2, it would be helpful if each student brought to school the following supplies:

- 2 glue sticks
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- scissors
- 2 or 3 lead pencils
- coloured pencils
- coloured markers
- small pencil case

Agenda Expectations

It is expected that all students will purchase and use our school agenda. The agenda is a valuable tool in the development of good organizational skills. It is used for keeping track of homework assignments, and to communicate important information regarding classroom and school events. The students also record their weekly spelling words in their agendas at the beginning of each week. It is important that you read, and initial or sign your child’s agenda nightly. Your signature indicates that you have seen and read your child’s agenda.

Home Journals

Journal writing is one of several different forms of writing your child will work on throughout grade 2. In the Home Journal, students are encouraged to reflect on weekly school events, and to express their thoughts and feelings. For this reason, it is important that you regard the Home Journal as a written dialogue between you and your child, and to read, discuss, and respond in writing to the content of your child’s comments in this book. Home Journals should be returned to school on Monday, or the day your child returns to school after the weekend.

Monthly Calendar

Every month there will be a calendar sent home which outlines any pertinent information and events that you need to know about. Check your child’s calendar for monthly themes, as well as scheduled gym, library, and computer days. The Ministry’s expectations are addressed through our monthly themes and are interwoven through the activities your child does at school.
Gym

Check your child’s monthly calendar for scheduled gym days. On these days, please ensure your child comes to school wearing track pants, exercise pants or leggings, or shorts (weather and season permitting), and a t-shirt with a sweatshirt on top. *Appropriate footwear* is also important, so it is recommended that your child’s indoor shoes (shoes that remain at school) be a pair of white-soled running shoes. (*Shoes with heels, sandals, and ‘backless’ shoes are difficult and dangerous to use in the gym* and therefore not recommended as ‘indoor’ shoes.)

Spelling Programme

Writing samples and a diagnostic test assist in grouping the grade 2 students according to spelling strengths and needs. Students will copy a new list of spelling words each week in their agenda and should practise from this list nightly for their weekly spelling test. All spelling lists are based on a spelling skill (short a, compound words, digraphs, etc.) If there is a short school week, or a week filled with special events, final spelling tests may be postponed to a later date. You will be notified of postponements in your child’s agenda.

Homework

Check with your child daily, referring to his/her agenda, if there is any homework to be done. Borrow-A-Book, and spelling work are regular expectations, but outside of these, your child may have unfinished work, or a special assignment which may need to be completed. Homework assignments are activities that are meaningful, relevant, and supportive of the learning going on in the classroom.

Borrow- A- Book

A ‘Borrow A Book’ should fit in with your family’s schedule, and not be an added burden. This is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with your child, and it is hoped that your child will read, or be read to, for 15 minutes each night, and certainly on the weekend. The ‘Borrow A Book’ is generally chosen from our classroom library, but it may also be one chosen from the Public Library, or chapters from a chapter book. It may be above or below your child’s reading level. Like your child’s agenda, ‘Borrow A Book’ bags, and ‘Borrow A Books’ should be returned to school each day.