

September 7, 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting with you at the “Meet the Teacher Barbeque” on Thursday, September 23rd.

I will be sending home a monthly newsletter. It will outline subject topics, assignments, due dates for tests and projects, and special events. In addition, students will have an agenda to help with day to day communication. Students will put a * beside the activities they have for homework. Please initialize it and take a few minutes everyday to go over the agenda with your child. The agenda will cost \$5.00.

In **language**, we will be creating an autobiography. We will be working on identifying the characteristics of nonfiction pieces in reading. In oral language students will be presenting short personal speeches and current events.

We will begin this month focusing on numeration in **mathematics**. Students will review place value, estimation and decimals. There will be a test at the end of September. Following numeration, we will be studying data management.

In **social studies**, we will be focusing on Canadian Government in Grade 5 and Canada’s Trading role in Grade 6. Students will engage in daily readings and activities. We will be starting with examining great Canadian heroes such as Terry Fox. To honour and follow Terry’s dream, we will be holding a school wide walk on Friday, September 23rd.

Some supplies are provided for your child but each student should have the following: computer memory stick (USB), markers, pencil crayons, pencils and pens, pencil sharpener, ruler, protractor and compass, paper, eraser, calculator, scissors, dictionary and thesaurus*, gym clothes, running shoes and recess equipment*. (* = optional items) Donations of tissue boxes would be greatly appreciated as well.

Also I will try to let you know the various extra curricular activities and special events that are available at our school. For example, our first class trip will be to the Beamsville Fair on Friday September 9th (Parent volunteers are greatly needed). As well, students can try out for the cross country team and soccer teams. Please encourage your child to be involved in as many activities as possible, as it greatly helps with his/her all round development.

I am looking forward to a very exciting year. The success of your child is paramount to me. Working as a team is critical. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Miss Flynn

