

2/3 G
Classroom
Handbook

2015/16

Please keep this handbook for future reference.

A copy of this handbook is available on our classroom wiki:

tgiesbrecht.wikis.hsd.ca/Handbook+and+Newsletters

Contact Information:

You are encouraged to keep in contact with us as your child learns and grows in our school.

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Classroom Wiki: tgiesbrecht.wikis.hsd.ca

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Water Bottles

Water bottles are encouraged in 2/3G. Please send a reusable bottle to school if your child would like to use one.

Any type is fine, but the shorter the better. Tall ones tend to get knocked over easily.

Dates to Remember in September

September 18th & 21st –Strong Connections.

(Reminders will come home soon – check your child's June report card for your scheduled date)

September 30th – Terry Fox Run (Toonies for Terry Campaign)

HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS:

Home Reading

Home reading is required homework in our room. Your child will bring home reading record sheets to fill in. The first one is attached to this handbook. Every time your child reads for a 15 minute block, a parent or other adult can initial one ticket. You can initial a **maximum** of two tickets per day.

As soon as your child's sheet is full (which should take 2-3 weeks), the sheet is returned to school and traded for a punch on your child's collector card. A new sheet will be sent home at this time. At the end of each term, your child will be given the opportunity to exchange these punches for small rewards.

Reading aloud is a very important part of our language program. Listening to your child read aloud and asking questions about what he or she is reading will improve understanding and increase your child's ability and confidence. I encourage you to take some time each week to listen to your child read to you!

Other Homework

Occasionally, home studies or incomplete work will be sent home. These will be clearly labelled and mentioned in your child's agenda. Homework is expected to be completed by the due date and brought back to school finished.

AGENDAS:

Agendas will be used again this year. Your child will be writing down any extra homework or reminders for upcoming events.

It's very important that you take the time to check your child's agenda each day, ensure they have completed any homework and **sign their agenda daily (even if we have not written in it that day)**. Your child will be accumulating points for complete/signed agendas and will appreciate your support in making agenda use a lifelong habit.

The extra information in this year's agendas will be used in our health program. It's extremely important that your child has their agenda with them each day. Our agendas are also an important part of the school-home connection. You can use it to communicate with me as I check agendas for messages each morning.

CLASSROOM RULES:

Our rules are short and simple, yet cover a large range of respectful, polite and character building behaviours. We review our rules often and talk about what the rules mean and how they need to impact our behaviour in the classroom and toward others. They are listed here for your reference. If your child is having trouble with the rules, you will be notified with a note sent home that will need to be signed and returned.

1. Listen when the teacher is talking.
2. Follow directions quickly.
3. Respect others. Respect yourself. Respect our school.
4. Make smart choices.
5. Be safe. Be kind. Be honest.

A NOTE ABOUT INDOOR SHOES:

Before you choose indoor/gym shoes, it's important to consider your child's abilities. If your child cannot tie shoe laces quickly and securely (meaning they stay tied tightly for a couple of hours without coming undone), their shoes will cause a problem for them and create a safety issue for themselves or others. If your child is having a lot of trouble with laces, I may request that a different pair of shoes be sent to use at school.

ELECTRONICS:

We have a "no electronics" policy in our school. Please do not allow your children to bring any type of electronic game, music player or device to school. Electronics will be taken for the day if they are found in a student's possession.

DAYS IN OUR SCHEDULE:

Library: Day 3 and 5
Gym: Day 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
Music: Day 1, 3 and 5

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 18th & 21st – Strong Connections
September 30th – Terry Fox Run
October 7th – Picture Day
October 12th – Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 23th – PD Day – no school

BUSING AND WALKING HOME REMINDERS:

Your child is not permitted to ride on any bus other than his/her own. After school events will require you to make alternate arrangements for your child's transportation. Any change in your child's regular method of transportation home requires a note or a phone call to the office.

MEDICATIONS:

If your child is required to take medication during school hours, please notify me or contact the office.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

Parents who are interested in volunteering in 2/3G can fill out the form on the last page and return it to me. Extra help once in a while is always appreciated! Volunteering is on an "as needed" basis.

CURRICULUM

All learning outcomes are based on the guidelines set out by the Manitoba Department of Education.

English Language Arts – guided reading, spelling and phonics, grammar, independent silent and oral reading strategies, writing using the 6 traits, speaking/presenting, understanding visual information and representing ideas.

Math – mental math strategies, problem solving, number concepts and operations (skip counting, reading/writing/representing numbers and addition/subtraction/multiplication/division strategies), graphing, making diagrams, predicting, estimating, measuring, shapes and patterns.

Social Studies and Science – grade 2 and grade 3 topics will be explored, with a focus on developing skills in research, inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving while learning how to become caring citizens.

I'm looking forward to a great year with your child! Thanks in advance for your efforts in supporting your child through this year of learning.

Sincerely,
Tanis Giesbrecht

VOLUNTEERING

Parents are occasionally called upon to help with preparing materials, putting up bulletin board displays, assembling reading materials or fixing books in our classroom library.

We also need help toward the end of the year as we participate in field trip activities. Separate forms will be sent out when these activities are planned.

ALL VOLUNTEERS at our school are required to have a criminal record check completed. If you have not done so in previous years and are offering to help at any school functions, please visit the office as soon as possible for assistance in completing this important step.

Parent Volunteer Information

YES, I would like to volunteer in 3G. I am interested in being called to help during school hours once or twice during the school year as needed.

Child's name: _____ Phone number: _____

Parent's name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Date started: _____

Home Reading Tracker

Read for 15 minutes each night.

Have a parent or other adult initial one picture for each 15 minutes.

You may earn a maximum of 2 pictures per day.

Bring your filled reading log back to school.

Earn rewards by trading it for a punch on your collector card!

Your reading log SHOULD take about 2-3 weeks to fill up.

