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WELCOME TO GRADE FIVE WITH MRS. WOOD!

In the spring of 2016, I joined the team at Morinville Public School and I am so thrilled to have your child in my classroom I look forward to journeying with your family to provide rich learning opportunities for your child in a warm, caring environment. Teaching has been placed on my heart and I am so excited to share that passion in the classroom.



MRS. WOOD

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to **change the world.**”
- Nelson Mandela

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education

Elementary Generalist
Concordia University of Edmonton

Bachelor of Science

Mathematics & Physics
Concordia University of Edmonton

ABOUT MRS. WOOD

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy baking, playing softball, volleyball, and basketball, camping, and reading. My husband Konnor and I enjoyed travelling across Canada by train this summer. Neither of us had ever been to Eastern Canada before, so it was an adventure of a lifetime. Our favourite place that we visited was Charlottetown, PEI; we loved the quaint shops and were shocked at how red the soil really is. While we had loads of fun, I am very excited to be beginning the school year.

COMMUNICATION

For day-to-day communication (absences, special pick-up/drop-off instructions, what is happening in class, or to schedule a meeting), the best way to contact me is by **email**, listed above, or through your child's agenda. Agendas will go home daily and contain important messages that will help you stay up to date. **Please review and sign agenda daily.** For urgent communication, or to report an absence, please contact the office.

WHAT WILL WE LEARN TOGETHER?

English Language Arts

How to become more effective readers and writers through:

- Daily Language practice
- Making Words: a hands-on approach to spelling
- Language Centers: including teacher time, reading, writing, word work, and grammar
- Studying various texts including, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J. K. Rowling and *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Mathematics

How to become mathematically-minded problem solvers with experience solving problems with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, multiplication, division, patterns, variables, measurements, transformations, data analysis, probability, and more!

Science

How to emulate the attitudes of a Scientist while learning about various content areas through Scientific Inquiry. Topics include:

- Weather Watch
- Classroom Chemistry
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Mechanisms Using Electricity
- Wetland Ecosystems

Social

About Canada's vast and diverse geography, histories, and ways of life, and how these factors can shape our identity.

Other

Students will also participate in Health, Physical Education, Art, Music, and Options. Options sign-up will open on Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Absences

Being present daily for school is an important ingredient for success. When possible, please try to schedule appointments, family vacations, and other events outside of school hours. A meaningful way to support your child is ensuring that they are at school and on-time daily.

Of course, life happens. Everyone gets sick or experiences extenuating circumstances. In the event of an absence, please contact the office directly for attendance purposes. In addition, a quick email to me regarding the absence is greatly appreciated.

Homework

Learning exists and is applied beyond the classroom. As a result, your child will be assigned (minimal) regular homework, as well as limited additional assignments.

I believe that children should have plenty of opportunity to be kids outside of school hours. Therefore, I will do my best to limit the amount of homework I send home. Extra-curricular activities, family time, and down time, are all highly important.

Helping Your Child

When homework is assigned, please consider helping your child in the following ways:

- Encourage your child to be accountable, completing their homework on time and to the best of their ability
- If your child requires assistance, guide them through their homework while allowing them to think through and solve the problems on their own

Regularly Assigned Homework

- 15 Minutes of Home Reading (Minimum 5 Days per Week)
- Math Connections: Students will be assigned a weekly math task, due Wednesdays
- Current Events: Students are required to report to the class on a news article or story once per month (Note: There is no set due date, as I would like students to bring in or discuss articles or stories that interest them.)



Food and Drink

Hydration and nutrition are vital components to achieving success in school. Students are welcome to keep water bottles on their desks. There are two scheduled breaks for eating throughout the day. If your child requires additional sustenance throughout the day, they are welcome to consume healthy, quiet snacks in class.

Volunteering

Stay tuned to the classroom website, handouts, and agendas for volunteer opportunities during field trips or other special activities.

Agendas

Students will write daily agenda messages. Please sign and return daily. The agenda is also a great communication tool between you and I!

Handouts

Sometimes, important handouts will go home to be signed. Please return promptly. Extra copies will be available on the website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Morinville Public School offers a variety of low cost extra-curricular activities. If finances are a barrier for your family, please consider contacting the school to discuss your options. Stay tuned for more information regarding elementary level extra-curricular activities, including an Elementary Sports Club.

