



Fairvale Elementary
School

September 2013

Mme Arbeau's Classroom Newsletter

Meet the Teacher

A huge thank you to everyone for dropping in at our Meet the Teacher BBQ on Wednesday, August 28th. It was great to see all of you before school started.

*Please remember to return the Student Information Form no later than **Friday, September 6th**.*



In an effort to be environmentally friendly, I will be setting up a Distribution List for emails. Please indicate in your child's agenda by **Friday, September 6th**, the email address you would like to receive monthly newsletters or if you prefer to receive a hard copy of the communications.

Important Dates to Remember:

September 6th - Student Information Form due
- Alternative Location Request Form due (Bus Changes)
September 18th - School Photos
September 27th - Re-Takes
October 10th - No School *Professional Learning Day for Teachers*
October 11th - No School *Professional Learning Day for Teachers*
October 14th - No School *Thanksgiving*

A Little About Me...

My name is Candace Arbeau and I will be your child's Grade Three French Immersion teacher this year until Christmas. Last year, I taught Grade 2 and Pre-Intensive French (Grade 4) at Hammond River Valley Elementary School.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year at Fairvale Elementary! I am looking forward to working with your child as they begin to discover the French language.

This year we will have a class website. The address is: <http://3Arbeau.weebly.com>

The PowerPoint presentation from Meet the Teacher and our classroom schedule are already posted. Monthly newsletters will be uploaded (including this one), as well as weekly Math homework. I have listed several links to Math websites and French songs that we will be envisioning in class.

In our first month we will be working on learning to communicate, to read and also to write in French. Our first unit, which will continue into October, will discuss what makes each student unique. The children will describe themselves, their friends and families, their preferences, and their likes and dislikes. We will focus on learning through a variety of reading activities, games, songs and writing exercises.

Each unit throughout the year will end with a final project. Our first project will be to create a comic strip (using the program Bitstrips) to represent how each student is unique.

The students will be working very hard and it takes a LOT of concentration to focus in class. All of our reading and writing activities are based upon what has been SAID ORALLY during class discussions. Please discuss the importance of good listening skills in class with your child. You may notice that your child is quite tired by the end of the day. Our Grade 3 students have an additional hour added to their day this year. This will take some adjustment; therefore we will not send any homework for the first week of school. This will allow you some time to get back in the routine of good sleeping habits as they are so important for helping students be at their best throughout the day. Please be on the lookout for a note next week explaining our homework routines.

Music

Your son or daughter has Music Wednesday afternoon from 11:45 - 12:15 and Friday morning from 8:45 - 9:15.

Physical Education

Your child has Physical Education Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:15 - 8:45. Please make sure that your son or daughter is dressed appropriately.

Library

Our library period will be on Friday afternoon from 2:00 - 2:30.

Numeracy

In Math, our early focus will be to learn numbers to 1000 in French. This is essential to having a good understanding and meaning of the numbers in the new language. We will also explore numbers in further detail this month and throughout the year. Students will be saying number sequences forwards and backwards through skip counting from 0 to 1000. They will also be representing and describing numbers in a variety of ways. We will be exploring increasing and decreasing patterns using an assortment of methods.

Questions? Concerns?

If at any time you need to talk to me or have concerns, please phone the school at: 847-6206 or send me a note in your child's agenda. You can also email me at: Candace.Arbeau@nbed.nb.ca Please let me know when would be a good time to contact you and I will do so at a time that is convenient for you. Thank you in advance for the hard work you are doing with your child. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. ☺

Book Orders

I am sending home a yellow sheet for a subscription to the Highlights magazine. I would appreciate it if you could sign the sheet even if you are not interested in buying the magazine as we receive free items for our classroom.

Every month, you will receive a French and English Scholastic order form. Should you wish to order books, please send the order and money (cash or cheque) by the date stamped on the back of the order form. Please note that cheques should be payable to "Scholastic Canada Ltd". When you order books, the teacher also gets dividends to use towards the purchase of materials for the classroom. I thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor.