



# Lord Selkirk School

## Grade 3 Room 33 - Mrs. Tien

### **Welcome back to School!**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am so happy to welcome your child to our Grade 3 classroom and for some, welcome back! It will be an exciting school year and I look forward to getting to know your child, if we don't know each other already, as well as working in partnership with you to create a positive, challenging, and successful learning year at Lord Selkirk School!

Here is some information that I would like to share with you in regards to the curriculum and learning expectations for your child:

### **Subject Areas**

**Language Arts**- Students will continue to build confidence and competency in writing, reading, spelling, listening, speaking, viewing and representing. Language Arts is integrated into daily activities such as Reader & Writer's workshops, Word Work, phonological awareness and inquiry learning.

**Math** – Students will continue to develop number sense, patterns and relations, shapes and space and statistic and probability through various daily math exercises. Students will learn math in a variety of ways, including, Thinking Classroom, Mathology, Dreambox, Math Talks, and independent math and group activities.

**Social Studies** - In Social Studies we will be learning about connecting with Canadians, exploring the world, communities of the world, and exploring an ancient society.

**Science** - In Science we will explore a variety of topics through the scientific inquiry and design process. We will be studying growth and changes in plants, materials and structures, forces that attract or repel, and soils in the environment.

**Health** - Students will learn about safety guidelines and procedures, nutrition, goal-setting, dealing with emotions, helpful and harmful substances, dental health, and personal & social management.

**Visual Arts** – In Art we will explore the Visual Arts through using art language and tools, creative expression, art in context and valuing artistic experiences. During the school year we will integrate visual arts with the other curricular areas.

## **Seesaw**

We use Seesaw online to communicate classroom information and to share our learning. Please access the program at the beginning of the year and do regular visits for any updated information.

## **Other Curricular Subjects**

Your child will also be involved in other curricular subject areas; these consist of physical education, drama, music and movement.

## **Attendance**

Please remember that it is very important that your child attends school on a regular basis and on time. If your child cannot attend school for any reason or will be late, please call Safe Arrival to inform the school. We will contact you about your child's absences if we do not receive a notification.

## **Learning & Assessment**

Winnipeg School Division follows Manitoba Education assessment and instruction criteria. We believe assessment plays a major role in how students learn, their motivation to learn and how teachers teach.

Your child will experiment with ways to express themselves and begin to develop skills and knowledge through inquiry, workshops, lessons, technology and communication. They will think about the importance and meaning of how to learn. Your child will learn to think critically and reflect about their experiences with learning through the required subject areas.

The primary role of assessment is to enhance teaching and improve student learning. Assessment will begin in September and continue throughout the school year. Results from the assessment will help inform next steps in programming.

## **Code of Conduct**

Lord Selkirk Elementary school is committed to providing a safe learning environment which fosters the academic, social, emotional and physical development of all individuals, helping each to reach his or her potential. Everyone in the Lord Selkirk School community are expected to follow the three B's (Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Cooperative). More information can be found on the Lord Selkirk School website under the Code of Conduct.

***Please contact me if you would like to discuss your child's progress. I am always interested in hearing your comments, questions or concerns. Please also inform us if you are moving or have a change in phone number. You can e-mail me at [ctien@wsd1.org](mailto:ctien@wsd1.org), message me on Seesaw or call me at the school at (204) 667-8495. Thank you.***