

Debert Elementary Communication Plan
Grade 3/4 Ms. Morgan



I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this year! There are many new experiences to come this school year, and I am pleased to experience them alongside your child. The past week, we have been learning about each other and establishing classroom routines and expectations which fit our classroom environment and new school atmosphere.

The following is an overview of this year's Grade 3/4 program:

Language Arts

During our daily Language Arts lessons, the following three strands and potential activities will be taught over the course of the year and incorporated into daily experiences:

- **Reading and Viewing:** read alouds, shared reading, guided reading, and independent reading.
- **Speaking and Listening:** Community circle, participating in small and large group discussions, questioning, following directions, oral directions, Readers' Theatre, and filmmaking.
- **Writing and Other Ways of Representing:** Writers' Workshop, story writing, fictional writing, factual writing, poetry, letter writing, journal and response writing, word study, capitals, punctuation, sentence structure and claymations/sculptures.

Mathematics

During our daily Mathematics lessons, the following topics will be taught over the course of the year:

- Number Sense
- Patterns and Relationships
- Statistics and Probability
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Mental Math

Grade 3 Science

During our weekly Science lessons, the following topics will be taught over the course of the year:

- Invisible Forces
- Materials and Structures
- Plant Growth and Changes
- Exploring Soils

Grade 4 Science

During our weekly Science lessons, the following topics will be taught over the course of the year:

- Rocks and Minerals
- Light
- Sound
- Habitats

Grade 3 Social Studies

During our weekly Social Studies lessons, the following topics will be taught over the course of the year:

- Place
- People
- Heritage
- Citizenship of Nova Scotia

Grade 4 Social Studies

During our weekly Social Studies lessons, the following topics will be taught over the course of the year:

- Exploration
- The Nature of Exploration
- Exploring Our World
- Exploring the Landscapes of Canada

Health

During our weekly health lessons, the following three strands will be taught over the course of the year:

- Healthy Self
- Healthy Relationships
- Healthy Community

Art

During our weekly art lessons, students will be taught how to make, look at and reflect on various forms of art.

Technology Education

Students will work with laptops to develop their coding skills, typing, maneuvering around online games and understanding how to problem solve.

Assessment and Information on Evaluation Procedures

Student work will be assessed using many different means. Products, conversations and observations are the three main tools which branch out into various forms of data collection such as daily checklists, anecdotal notes, records of oral reading, self-assessments, work habits, participation, samples of student work, quizzes, tests, group and individual work, as well as projects and presentations which also can take many forms. For each of these modes of assessment, I will be assigning values to work products based on expected curriculum outcomes and individual needs in each subject.

Communication

Parents are highly encouraged to communicate any needs, requests, or questions by phoning the school, sending a note or writing a note in the child's agenda, or scheduling a date and time by email. I believe regular communication between teacher and parent(s) are part of what makes a successful school year, so I look forward to communicating with each of you about your child's progress.

- Telephone the school before or after school dismissal: (902) 662-4400
- Student agendas
- Permission slips
- Telephone calls
- Emails
- Texts
- Remind App (**note: this will be introduced next week*)
- Scheduled formal appointments (virtual or in person)
- Report card comments
- Parent/Teacher interviews

Teacher's Expectations of the Students for Learning Success

We expect students to:

- Come prepared for class
- Take care of own materials
- Respect property of others and school
- Demonstrate organizational skills
- Take pride in quality of work
- Use time wisely
- Listen and follow instructions
- Complete class work
- Complete homework

- Participate in activities
- Follow rules and routines
- Accept responsibility for own actions
- Interact positively with others
- Resolve conflicts effectively

I am enthusiastic about the school year and looking forward to working with each and every one of you and your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school, send me an email, message through "Remind" or leave a note in your child's agenda so we can discuss any matters.

Sincerely,

K. Morgan