

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer break. I would like to introduce myself. I am Mr. Giordano, a.k.a. "Mr. G", one of your child's Grade 4 or 5 teachers. The subjects I will be teaching are Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, and the Arts. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you last year, and I hope to get to know others soon.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of my students. Throughout the school year, your child will have the opportunity to explore many exciting topics. We'll choose them for a variety of reasons: deepen curriculum understandings, to develop critical thinking and mathematical reasoning skills, and to broaden the reading and writing experiences of your child.

Below is some important information you will find of interest.

- Currently, our gym is undergoing renovations which we are all looking forward to enjoying upon completion of the construction. In the meantime, we will utilize our wonderful grounds outside for physical activity and education. Physical Education is scheduled for the morning on Day 2 and Day 4. Please ensure that your child has appropriate attire, including running shoes, to participate in physical education activities.
- Agendas are issued to and used by students for the purpose of recording important information, and for communicating *non-urgent* parent-teacher messages. Students are responsible for bringing their agendas home daily for parents to read and sign/initial. The agenda will be our means of communicating throughout the school year. Please check and sign/initial it daily.
- Homework may be assigned if your child has missed a day of school, fallen behind in schoolwork, or needs extra practice/review. Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each evening, and to use the "Home Reading Log" to keep an accurate record. Please check and initial it daily.
- French will be taught each day by Mr. Zorzetto. Mr. Calabrese will teach Health on Day 5.

I believe that to promote success, both teachers and parents need to work together to ensure academic, personal and social growth. I look forward to working with you, developing and maintaining open communication throughout the school year. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact me, either through a note in the agenda, or through the school office. I hope to see you at our "*Meet the Teacher Night*".

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Giordano