

# RED FOX NEWS

Mme. MacCulloch | Grade 3 | French Immersion

## Classroom Supplies

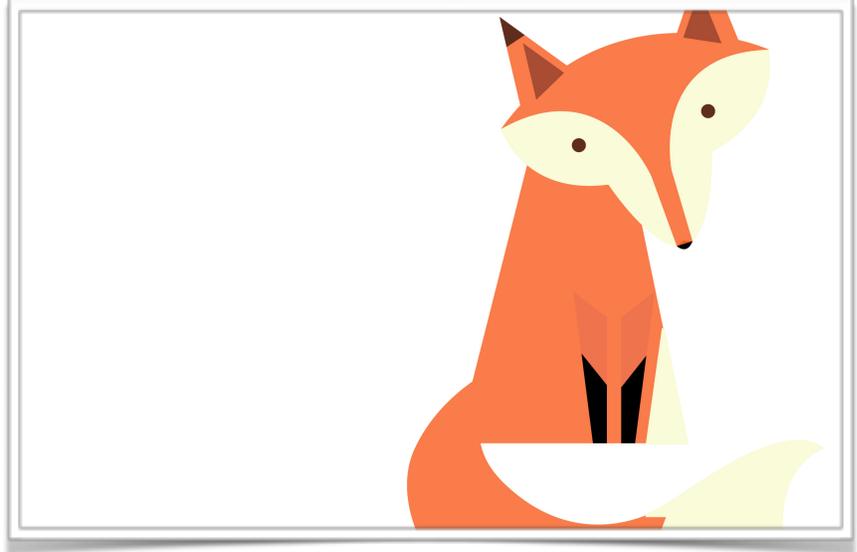
Families are responsible for providing: indoor shoes (non-marking, suitable for gym class), a soft pencil case, water bottle (no glass please), a box of kleenex and the supply and activity fee. The rest will be purchased and provided by the teacher.

## Homework

We will begin our class homework program next week. It will consist of daily reading for 20 minutes. Students are expected to read a minimum of one French reader per night and to write the titles of their books in their agenda. Please initial and indicate if they read with assistance or independently. Feel free to do extra reading together in both languages.

## Reminders:

Monday, Sep 2nd is Labor Day, there will be no school. Enjoy!



## Welcome Back!

Dear parents/guardians, greetings from the grade 3 French Immersion class! My name is Mme. MacCulloch and I am your child's teacher for 2019-2020. It is a pleasure to be starting this new school year with your child at Whitehorse Elementary School. This year our classroom animal will be red foxes, *Les renards*! In this newsletter, I hope to inform you briefly about some key elements regarding the upcoming school year.





**Scent Free**

Please remember our school and classroom environment is a scent free place. I have scent sensitivities and would really appreciate your support in keeping our room scent free!

**Meet the Teacher!**

On August 29th we will have an open house. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you our classroom and I will be available to answer any questions you might have as well as share information on our programming, planned themes, curriculum, etc. Everyone will also be invited to come together in the gym to meet the whole staff.

**Extra Headphones?**

If families have any extra sets of headphones or splitters at home, it would be wonderful for students to have their own pair to use in the classroom. Please label them clearly and send them in.

*Parent/Teacher Communication*

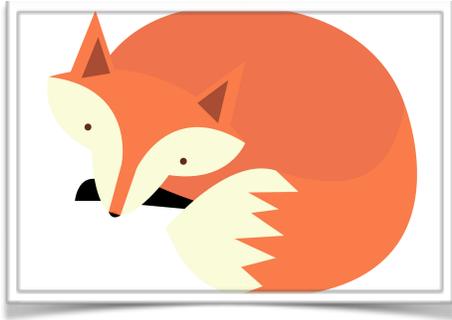
One of our most important communication tools is the agenda. It will also be used as a writing tool in our class for homework and other messages from myself and the office, self-evaluations, bringing books to and from school, etc. We will be using a folder or duo-tang as our daily agenda. I will ask my students to take it home every day, have it signed and bring it back the next morning. When they enter the class in the morning they are expected to pick at least one new French reader (for reading homework that evening) and replace the one they read the night before. Then they place their agenda in the basket next to my desk for the day. They are handed out again when the students prepare their backpacks just before the last bell. This is an important part of our routine.

In addition, each month students update a calendar kept in the front of the agenda, which will highlight the events, special reminders such as show and tell and other important information.

Finally, if you would like more information please check our classroom website. If you wish to contact me, email is a great way to stay in touch, or you can call the school.

My email is: [becca.macculloch@yesnet.yk.ca](mailto:becca.macculloch@yesnet.yk.ca)

Please indicate if you have a preference of how you wish to be contacted. Please feel free to arrange a meeting or leave a message at the office and I will get in touch with you promptly.



## Class website

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Please check out our class website for important information, reminders, events, and updates on our great learning experiences.

<http://grd3redfox.weebly.com>

## Lunch & Snack

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The students will have time for snack in the morning before the first recess. I ask them to choose a healthy snack / beverage at that time. I also encourage students to bring a bottle of water to keep in class and to drink plenty of water during the day. If you are taking your child out for lunch, please let the office and I know before leaving. Please keep in mind that our school is peanut and nut free. In our school there are several students with severe allergies. Please keep this in mind if you plan to send a treat to school for a special event or your child's birthday. Thanks!

## *Parent Volunteers*

Our students benefit greatly from the involvement of parent volunteers. I encourage parents to participate and share their expertise and experiences with our class throughout the year. This could involve parents leading an activity or outing related to a theme we are exploring or simply a fun activity parents would like to do with the students. Examples of activities include: cooking, art projects, career or subject presentations (biologist, geologist, pilot, etc.), special field trips to your workplace, presentations of a family trip, nature walks, performance preparations, reading to the class, etc. Please contact me if you are interested in contributing anytime during the year.

## *A great year!*

I am looking forward to teaching and learning with your child this school year. I hope to get to see you soon!

Please take some time to review the information here and the forms from the office, and return them signed as soon as possible. Merci!