

Dear Grade 1 Families,

Hello! My Name is Ms. Casey and I am your child's English Teacher. Mme. Da Costa is your child's French teacher. The year ahead will be filled with wonder, learning, growth and exploration. Your child will develop and use problem solving and critical thinking skills, explore and make connections between mathematical concepts, develop literacy skills, investigate the natural environment, and explore topics that are important to them. We welcome you to join in on the learning, both within and outside the classroom.

Family Tree

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful tree in our classroom. This tree will act as our classroom Family Tree and will help us to keep our loved ones close as we work and play. We would like to hang pictures of all our families and loved ones on our tree. Please feel free to send in a photo or two.

Supporting Learning at Home

Beginning in October a Monthly Calendar will be posted on our class website. This calendar will be posted at the beginning of every month and will list activities that support the learning skills and development that is taking place in the classroom. It is not mandatory to complete the activities but strongly recommended. With this in mind, we recommend spending about 10 minutes a day on calendar activities and encourage each child to read or be read to on a daily basis.

Student Agendas and Communication

Each child will receive an agenda at the beginning of the year. Agendas will be used on a daily basis to communicate and share reminders, class events, and other important information. Should you ever feel the need to contact me, you can do so by phoning the school or writing a note in the agenda. In addition, we have a class website and Twitter page that you can use to follow the learning that is taking place in our classroom. Please visit <u>http://mscaseystanne.weebly.com</u> and follow us on Twitter at @MsKCasey. Mme Da Costa's Blog is <u>https://mmedacostablog2019.blogspot.com</u>.



Labeling and Indoor Shoes

Thank you for labeling all of your child's personal belongings. This will help to reduce the number of unclaimed items left in our lost and found each year. In addition, all students are asked to keep a pair of indoor shoes at school. As well, the children are asked to have an extra change of clothing, especially socks, to be kept in the classroom.

School Cash Online

Please go to the school website to sign up. The school will no longer be accepting cash or cheque payments for school activity fees.

Craft Materials

Students are encouraged to use their wonderful creativity and imagination at our Creation Station to express themselves and their ideas. The Creation Station provides students with the opportunity to collaborate with one another in an open-ended way. If you have any extra small craft items that you could donate, our class would really appreciate it!

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead, getting to know each child and their family, and working in partnership with you to support your child's learning.

Sincerely, Ms. Casey

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Our Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block 1					
Recess 10:30-10:45					
Block 2					
Lunch 12:00-1:00					
Block 3					
Recess 2:15-2:30					
Block 4					