

FAIRVALE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September News

GRADE 3 FRENCH
IMMERSION FES

MME MARTELL

A huge thank you to everyone for dropping in at our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday August 31. It was great to see all of you before school started.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the information sheet distributed last week.

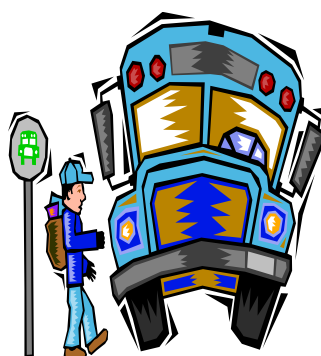
In an effort to be environmentally friendly, I will be setting up a distributions list for our class monthly newsletter. Please indicate in your child's agenda by Friday September 9th, the email address you would like to receive communications. If you prefer to receive a hard copy of the communications please let me know so that I know how many copies to make.



Welcome back to a new school year at Fairvale Elementary! I am looking forward to working with your child as they begin to discover the French language.

In our first month we will be working on learning to communicate, read and write in French. Our first unit, which will continue into October, will be to discuss what makes each student unique. The children will describe themselves, their friends and families, their preferences, their likes and dislikes and their firsts. We will focus on learning through a variety of reading activities, games, songs and writing exercises. Each unit throughout the year will end with a final project. Our first project will be to create a book to represent how each student is unique. In a few weeks, we will be asking students to collect pictures of family, pets and interests. In the meantime feel free to start collecting photos for when we ask them to be sent in.

In Math, our early focus will be to learn numbers to 100 in French. This is essential to having a good understanding and meaning of the numbers



Welcome back!

in the new language as we will be exploring numbers in further detail this month and throughout the year. Students will be saying number sequences forward and backward through skip counting from 0 to 100 in a variety of ways. They will also be representing and describing numbers in a variety of ways. We will be exploring increasing and decreasing patterns using a variety of methods.

The students will be working very hard. It takes a LOT of concentration to focus in class. All of our reading and writing activities are based upon what has been SAID ORALLY during class discussions. Please discuss the importance of good listening skills in class with your child. You may notice that

your child is quite tired by the end of the day. Our Grade 3 students have a whole other hour that has been added to their day this year. This will take some adjustment, therefore we will not send any homework for the first week of school. Hopefully this will allow you some time to get back in the routine of good sleeping habits as they are so important for helping students be at their best throughout the day.

Mme Martell





Important dates:

- **School fees are \$50 . These are due on September 23.**

Music /Physical Education / Library



Music classes are held
on Tuesday and
Friday from 11:15 TO 11:45.



Physical Education classes are
held on

Monday from 1:30 to 2:00

Wednesday and

Thursday from 9:45 to 10:15

Our library period will be on
Friday from 9:45 to 10:15

Book orders

Every month you will be receiving some French and English Scholastic order forms. Should you wish to order some books, please send the order and money (cheque, cash or payment online) by the date stamped on the order forms. Please note that cheques should be payable to **Scholastic Canada Ltd.** When you order books, the teacher also gets dividends to use towards the purchase of books and materials for the

classroom. I thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor. Please take note that if you wish to order books as gifts, simply send your order in an envelope addressed to me and I will contact you once the order arrives. I will make sure that the order does not go home with your children.



Time to eat

As part of our class routine, I allow students to have a healthy snack in the morning at approximately 9:15 or so while they are working.

Since this is an additional snack, I have asked students to restrict this snack to be a **fruit or vegetable**. Therefore, I will not allow students to eat fruit roll-ups and items of that nature during this snack.

It is important to promote healthy eating and we will focus on items from the fruit and vegetable section of the Canada's Food Guide. This has worked very well in the past. It is also a great motivator for students to eat healthy.



Bon appétit!

Questions? Concerns?

If at any time you need to talk to me or have concerns, please phone the school at 847-6206 or send me a note in your child's agenda. You can also send me a note through e-mail at: francine.martell@nbed.nb.ca Please let me know when would be a good time to con-

tact you and I will do so at a time that is convenient for you. Thank you in advance for the hard work you are doing with your children. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

