

# Valley Elementary School

## Grade 3/4

### Mrs. Smith

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I will be teaching the grade 3/4 class this year.

Communication - We will not have an agenda going back and forth nightly this year.

Students have a plastic pocket folder to keep in their backpack for any notices or homework.

Parents will receive alerts from the school regarding upcoming events and changes, as well as communication emails from me when needed.

*To communicate with me you can:*

- Send a note with your child
- Send me an email anytime, I will check them daily:  
smithlj@gnspe.ca
- Call the school at (902) 896-5540 before 8:05 or after 2:15

*To communicate with you I will:*

- Phone or send you an email
- Send a note home with your child

Routines that are being practiced to prevent the spread of COVID in our classroom:

Students sanitize their hands every time they come in the classroom

Students wear their mask in the classroom and hallway (until Sept. 20).

**Homework** has one or more of the following three purposes:

- Prepare information or materials for future learning activities (e.g., gather resources, read something for a class discussion, or rehearse for a presentation).
- Practice new knowledge or new skills (e.g., read for pleasure, practice a musical instrument, use new knowledge to complete a project, or practice basic literacy and math skills).
- Enrich students' understanding of a topic and apply it in new ways (e.g., research local news, investigate a science experiment, write daily or weekly reflections in a journal, or apply skills to a class project).

**Language Arts**

There are three main focus areas for language arts:

- Reading and Viewing
- Writing and Representing
- Speaking and Listening

Students will: read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, work on writing and do word work. Students will be encouraged to make choices appropriate to their own reading level and to choose different types of books. Students will participate in various literacy based activities. Students will also complete research projects and class presentations.

## Math

### Grade 3:

Students will be focusing on numbers up to 1000 this year. They will explore the concept of multiplication and division as well as making and reading graphs. Students will regularly use math manipulatives to develop their understanding of these concepts.

### Grade 4:

Students will be focusing on numbers to ten thousand. They will explore two digit multiplication and division and learn the connections between fractions and decimals. Students will work extensively with manipulatives to help them explore these concepts.

## Science

There are four units in science that we will be exploring this year:

### Grade 3:

- ★ Plants
- ★ Soil
- ★ Structures
- ★ Invisible Forces

### Grade 4:

- ★ Light
- ★ Sound
- ★ Habitats
- ★ Rocks and Minerals

Students will complete many hands-on activities designed to help them question and explore the world around them.

### Social Studies

Grade 3: Nova Scotia history, landmarks, economy and culture.

Grade 4: Our entire year in social studies will focus around the concept of exploration. Students will learn of famous explorers and their motivations for exploring. As well they will explore landscapes of Canada and the World.

### Health

Each month we will explore a different topic in health. All of the topics we cover will fall under one of these three broad units: Healthy Self, Healthy Relationships or Healthy Community.

### Art

The three main focus areas will be creation, observation and reflection.

### Physical Education

Day 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

### Music

Day 2 and 3

### French (Grade 4)

Day 2, 4, 6, and 8