



Grade 1 Class Information

Mrs. Robb ~ September 2015

Grade 1 is an exciting year and I am so pleased to be your child's teacher! I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. The information below describes some of our classroom routines.

CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Absences

If your child will be absent, please call Safe Arrival at 856-3451.

Classroom Expectations

On the first day of school, the students and I read the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* We discussed how important it is to be bucket-fillers – someone who cares about others and shows this through words and actions. As well, the students worked collaboratively to decide on a few class rules that support a positive, safe, and fun bucket-filling classroom.



Communication and Website

Please feel free to contact me by phone (856-3451), email (kimberley.robb@nbed.nb.ca), or by writing a note in the Communication Log (half scribbler) in your child's mailbag should you have any questions or concerns. Please note that I do not always have the opportunity to check my email during the school day. **Please check your child's mailbag daily for important communication and notices.**

I also have a website, which I update weekly. On this website you will find the Homework, Weekly Poems, A Look Back on the Week (a summary of what we did during the week), and other notices. Please check it out and use it to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your child's class: www.mrsrobbsclass.weebly.com.

Bag of Books

Towards the end of the month, your child will bring home a Bag of Books on a daily basis. These books are geared towards developing your child's reading skills and contain books that are appropriately challenging as well as one 'free choice' book that you and your child can read together (or you can read to your child, like a chapter book). Your child is expected to **read for at least 10 minutes each day** (see Homework section). Please do not focus on the level of the book, but rather your child's ability to solve words, read fluently and at an appropriate pace, and retell the main points of the story accurately.

Learning Log

Near the beginning of each month, I will send home your child's *Learning Log*. This will contain samples of work (literacy and math) that your child completed during the previous month. With your child, please look at each piece of work. Discuss their

thinking process and **celebrate their success!** Please **initial each piece of work and return the duotang** by the end of the week. These work samples are then placed in your child's portfolio, which demonstrates their learning throughout grade 1.

Homework

At the beginning of the week, I will assign **homework for the week** to be completed and returned on **Friday** (or the last day of the school week). Students will be expected to **read for at least 10 minutes each day at home**, as research clearly shows that the more reading students engage in the more proficient readers they become. They may read books from home, the class library, or the school library. Students are responsible for ensuring books are returned in the same condition as loaned. As well, there will be weekly Word Work and math activities to reinforce concepts taught at school. The Homework duotang can be kept at home during the week. However, **the Communication Log and Bag of Books should be brought to school daily inside the mailbag**. In the Homework duotang, you will find handouts including *High-frequency Sight Words* and *No Excuse Spelling Words*.

Homework Kit

Your child will receive a Homework Kit. This is a hard pencil case that can be kept at home. This contains the necessary items to complete homework. Each Homework Kit contains: 2 pencils, a pencil sharpener, a deck of playing cards (use Aces – 10s only), a 10-sided die, a 6-sided die, a dry erase marker, and a baggie containing several two-sided tokens/markers.

Learning Expectations

There are 3 Specific Curriculum Outcomes for English Language Arts: 1) Speaking and Listening; 2) Reading and Viewing; and 3) Writing and Other Ways of Representing. There are 3 Specific Curriculum Outcomes for Mathematics: 1) Number; 2) Patterns and Relations; and 3) Shape and Space. For more information regarding Curriculum Outcomes for your child, please visit the following website address: <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/anglophone-e.asp>. At the beginning of each term, I will send a handout home that identifies the Learning Goals for that term. Each *A Look Back on the Week* will also indicate the learning outcomes we are working to achieve.

I look forward to working with you this school year and I hope that you will take an active role in your child's education. **School/Classroom volunteers are always needed and this is a great way to be involved!** If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your child's progress and happiness are very important to me.

Sincerely,

☺ Mrs. Robb