

August 29, 2024



Dear IB families,

My name is Camille Christensen and I am so excited to be your child's grade one teacher this year! I am looking forward to partnering with you to encourage and challenge your child. I pray that we will glorify God as we work together to share in your child's success.



Newsletters

Please note that this will be the only printed newsletter that you will receive. Each month the newsletter and calendar will be posted on my website at <http://scalb.weebly.com/>. The information in these newsletters and calendars is very important so please take time to view them at the beginning of each month.

Sleep, Food, and Drink

During the first few weeks, we will be adjusting to grade one and establishing our routines for the year. Your child will probably be very tired (and perhaps a little grouchy) during this time as they adjust to full days, five days a week. Please send a nutritious snack with your child every day that they can enjoy part way through the morning. Packing it into a separate container that your child will easily recognize is also very helpful. Sending a small, sip type water bottle that your child can keep at his/her desk is useful to keep the student hydrated - especially on hot days. Bottles that are tall and have screw tops tend to fall and spill frequently so please refrain from sending these. The students will take them home every day. Please fill them with water only.



Bible Memory

Each month the students will be memorizing a Bible verse or two which will be part of their Bible mark. The Bible memory verses will be on your monthly calendar. Students will usually recite their verse during the last week of the month. Please help your child practice at home to ensure that they hide God's word in their hearts!

Spelling

Spelling tests will begin in mid September. We will begin by reviewing the snap words from kindergarten. More information will be given at the VERY important Parent Literacy Night.

Two Important Evenings

Please plan to attend our Meet the Teacher Night on September 18 at 7:15 pm and our Parent Literacy Night on September 24 at 7:00 pm. Both of these events will be beneficial in being active in your child's success. The information that you will receive at both of these events is crucial.

For the Fridge

Included in this newsletter you will find a page called "For the Fridge" which contains a lot of important information. Please put this on your fridge or bulletin board and keep it handy as a reference.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run will be on September 20. Please send in a donation with your child on that day.



School Photos



Please look for information coming home soon regarding school photos on September 10.

Parent Helpers

I love to have parents come in to help out in our classroom. If you are interested, be sure to sign up with your email address at the Meet the Teacher night. Volunteer opportunities will begin at the end of September or in October.

Contact Information

Whenever you need to communicate with me, you can send a note in your child's take home folder, email me, or call the school office. Days can be very busy so I ask that you extend grace if it takes me a day or two to respond.

Birthday Celebrations

Many children love to bring in a birthday snack on their birthdays. If you would like to participate in this, please send your snacks in the morning with your child. We often have them at the end of the day but sending them in early allows for flexibility depending on what the day holds. If you would prefer to not send in a birthday snack, that is absolutely fine, too! Although it is not required, choosing something that is individually made or packaged makes it much easier to hand out.



Read, Read, Read!



I have saved the best for the end! Please read to your child every day to help the love of stories to grow. Listening and talking about stories makes a huge difference as the children learn to read. Even after your children begin to read, it is very important to keep reading to them!

I am looking forward to meeting you or seeing you again if we have already met! If you have any questions or concerns before Meet the Teacher night, please contact me. My prayers go with you as we work together with your child to help each one be the person God created them to be. I am confident that we are going to have a wonderful year!!

In Him,

Camille Christensen

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