

Welcome to Grade 5 Hynes

Communication Plan - Hebbville Academy 2020-2021



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I look forward to working with your child - and you. I believe in good parent-teacher communication, and I welcome you to contact me anytime at the school, (902)541-8280, by email, ahynes@gnspes.ca, or simply by adding a note to your child's Take Home folder. We will be using personal devices, iPad tablets and class laptops daily to enrich the curriculum and engage the class throughout the year. Showbie will be the preferred online format for the year (Class Code YFLHH).

I understand that this year looks a little different, and with the many unknowns I am working hard to find a healthy balance between wellness and academic challenges. I hope you will find the outline below to be positive and engaging in whatever format we may follow. Thank you for keeping things positive for your child and I anticipate a great year with a fabulous group of fivers!

Ms. Mandy Hynes



Instructional Program

MATH

The math program is very much a hands-on, activity-based program. Math Makes Sense will be the main text used, as well as many resources and teacher created materials, math journals and activities. The text will be available on Showbie. Students have a paper copy of the text at school as well. There will be a special emphasis on thinking and reasoning skills involved with problem solving. Students will be encouraged through Mental Math to develop "real world" strategies to add, subtract, and recall multiplication facts quickly in their heads. Concepts will include: Number Patterns, whole numbers, multiplying whole numbers, measurements, fractions and decimals, geometry, statistics and probability and transformations.

TECHNOLOGY

The computer science program involves safe management of files, using programs to create & present assignments & basic coding to enhance problem solving. The ability to manage classwork and online components will be set up to use in class, as well as at home. Potential coding and other activities later in the year.

HEALTH

Concepts will include: * Strategies for Healthy Living *The Body: Growth and Development *Values and Practices for Healthy Living * Personal Development and Growth Mindset * Healthy relationships

Language Arts

We will focus on the four main areas of ELA; reading, writing, listening and speaking. These will be integrated into all subject areas. The expectation is for students to do their best work, and make goals to increase stamina and skill. Throughout the year activities will include, but are not limited to:

- Reading Responses and Guided Reading
- Variety of writing genre and understanding the writing process including mystery, persuasive writing, news reports, research and poetry
- Novel Study and independent Reading
- Dictionary & Thesaurus Usage
- Spelling Strategies/Word study quizzes
- Oral Presentations
- Active Listening
- Library Skills/Research
- Printing/Cursive Writing



SCIENCE

This program is a hands-on, activity-based program. We will focus on the development of the skills and processes of science. Observing, Classifying, Quantifying Communicating, Inferring, Predicting Problem Solving, Experimenting and Interpreting Data.

Themes this year will include:

- The Human Body
- Changes in Matter
- Forces and Simple Machines
- The Weather.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Topics covered at this level provide opportunity for both discussion and research. Our travels in Social Studies will take us across time and around the world. Topics will include:

- Societies over time
- Early First Nations Societies
- North American Colonial Societies: English, French, Acadian, Loyalist
- Canada at War!
- 'Possible' Heritage Fair project

VISUAL ARTS

Artistic concepts will be incorporated into all subject areas. Students will be exposed to a number of classical artworks and the masters that produced them. Related artistic methods and mediums will be explored to create personal interpretations, and original pieces. Students will practise personal reflection on art work and learn to create perspective in art.

FRENCH

The goals of the French program cover 4 main areas:

- Oral and written communication
- Culture
- General language learning strategies
- Grammar.

Our units this year will focus on themes; numbers, daily life, foods, personal information, interests and hobbies, questions, directions and commands

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

I will use a broad range of strategies designed to gather information on student progress. These methods may include; observations & conferencing, work samples, class activities & participation, and tests, quizzes, and projects.

Students are expected to:

- Be Responsible for learning
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- BE KIND ♥

