

# Welcome to Grade 2/3!

Hilden Elementary School 2023-2024  
Ms. Scissons and Ms. Levangie

## Teacher Roles

- **Ms. Levangie** is the teacher for homeroom period and teaches some literacy for the first hour of the morning. The remainder of the day she works as a Learning Support for students within the building.
- **Ms. Scissons** teaches 2/3 the remainder of the day, including continuing with literacy instruction.

## Teacher Communication

- Three **formal reports** are given throughout the year (November, March and June). After the November and March reports go home, parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to allow us to meet and further discuss your child's progress.
- You can reach us by **email**. Ms. Scissons address is [scissonskl@gnspes.ca](mailto:scissonskl@gnspes.ca) and Ms. Levangie's is [levangiehe@gnspes.ca](mailto:levangiehe@gnspes.ca)
- Send a note in your child's **communication folder**.
- You can leave a message on the **school phone** or with our Administrative Assistance, Ms. Jenn at 902-896-5750. We will return your call when we are not teaching.

## Homework:

In grade 2 and 3 we do not assign any formal or mandatory homework. However, we do give students the opportunity to have extra practice in reading, writing, and math at home.

- **ELA:** Students will be sent home with leveled book bags with a reading club log. These resources are given to build good reading habits and deepen comprehension of the literature.
- **Math:** When we begin some of our larger units I will be sending optional homework as extra practice to complement our daily lessons.

### **Assessment:**

Assessment is a balance of formative (to support instruction) and summative (to gauge achievement and understanding). Both formal and informal assessments are through conversations, watching students perform tasks, and looking at finished work.

### **Expectations for Learning Success:**

*To help ensure each student is given the opportunity to learn in a safe environment, which nurtures each individual's personal, social and academic growth, students are asked to meet the following expectations:*

- Work to the best of your ability
- Try all tasks
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- Follow instructions/directions/rules and routines
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes

### **Grade 2 Math Curriculum**

*Grade 2 units of study include:*

- Numbers to 100
- Place Value (Tens and Ones)
- Geometry and Patterning
- Measurement
- Addition and Subtraction & Extending Number Sense

### **Grade 3 Math Curriculum:**

*The math curriculum reflects an increased focus on number sense and operations as well as building a strong foundation for the grades ahead.*

*Grade 3 units of study include:*

- Number to 1000
- Place Value (to 1000)
- Geometry and Patterning

- Measurement
- Fractions
- Multiplication
- Addition and Subtraction of 1, 2, and 3-digit number

### **Grade 2 /3 ELA Curriculum**

The key components of the ELA program are reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

Reading and Viewing is the ability to select, read and view a range of literature while understanding what is being read and having the ability to respond to the literature.

Writing and other ways of representing is the ability to use different forms of writing to ask questions, organize ideas, express feelings and record experiences.

Listening and Speaking is being able to describe, share and discuss thoughts, feelings and experiences. It is also the ability to consider other's ideas.

### **Grade 2 Science Curriculum:**

*Science will be integrated into other subject areas. The key concepts being taught through integration include:*

- Environment through a Mi'kmaw perspective (the interconnectedness of air, water, and the environment)
- Solids, Liquids, and Gas
- Motion
- Animals and their habitats.

### **Grade 3 Science Curriculum:**

*Science will be integrated into other subject areas. The key concepts being taught through integration include:*

- Structures
- Magnetism

- Plants
- Soils

**Visual Arts for Grades 2 and 3:**

*Visual arts concepts will be integrated into other subject areas but will include exploring and manipulating a range of materials and processes while examining and developing a respect for a variety of artwork.*

**Health for Grade 2 /3:**

*Health will be integrated into other subject areas. The key concepts being developed are:*

- Healthy minds and bodies
- Empathy for others
- Making safe choices

**Physical Education:**

Taught by Mr. Sam Lycan

**Music:**

Taught by Ms. Nicole Jamieson

**Social Emotional Learning:**

Taught by Ms. Susan Saunders