

Welcome to Grade 4 at Our Lady of Victory School

Welcome to Homeroom D! This year we will be working together for most of our subjects. If you ever have any questions or concerns, I can be reached via email at d.patel@victoryedu.com or through Class Dojo. You can also read updates about our classroom events and activities on our Class Dojo stories.

Communication: This year, I will be using Class Dojo to keep you informed about classroom and school activities. This is a FREE service that allows me send quick messages via email, or the app to every family in the class. We can stay in touch without revealing our personal contact information. If you have any difficulty signing up, please let me know.

Water Bottles: Studies have shown that being able to sip water on a constant basis throughout the day helps our brains to stay alert and be ready to learn. Please send your child with a water bottle that it is filled only with water, has an opening that can be closed, and is spill proof. Your child's water bottle will be sent home daily to be cleaned and refilled.

Agendas: Students will record notes, messages, and important dates in their agendas on a daily basis. **Please check and sign your child's agenda each evening.** Notes to and from the school may be placed in the pouch at the front of the agenda.

Home Reading: Students are encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes each evening, with an adult. Students will have access to www.raz-kids.com. Usernames and passwords will be sent home soon.

Religion: We will be learning about God and his love for us, religious seasons, sacraments, Holy Family, Ten Commandments, Reconciliation, the Holy Eucharist, bible stories, saints, and Heaven. Prayers are a part of our daily schedule.

Language Arts: students will be exposed to many activities to develop stronger reading and writing skills, increase fluency and confidence. This year we will incorporate weekly word study activities, phonics, grammar, story writing, author and novel studies, home reading, and guided reading. Language skills are used daily in many subject areas.

Science: the strands we will be covering this year are: Habitats & Communities, Light, Sound, and Rocks, Minerals & Erosion. Students will explore the curriculum with hands-on experimentation, and research.

Social Studies: Canada is our focus this year. We will be learning about the geography of Canada, symbols, monuments and important days, citizenship, public and private property, government and elected leaders. We will also be learning about Canada's north, life in Manitoba, and the history of Manitoba.

Math:

Grade four students will be working with numbers to 10,000, fractions and decimals, basic multiplication and division facts up to 9x9, as well as multiplying 2- or 3-digit numbers by a 1digit number. We will also be problem solving with adding and subtracting decimals to the hundredths place. We will be exploring patterns and relationships using tables, charts and diagrams. We will be calculating the area of 2D shapes, and creating graphs.

All students will receive login information for www.boddlelearning.com and are encouraged to visit this website on a regular basis to strengthen their math and ELA skills.

French

This year we will be learning basic vocabulary and phrases. We will be learning about school supplies, colours, numbers, days of the week, months of the year, body parts, clothing, Halloween, Christmas, clothing, and parts of the body.

Class Rules:

In our classroom, we have 5 rules that we follow.

Rule #1: Follow directions quickly

Rule #2: Raise your hand for permission to speak

Rule #3: Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat

Rule #4: Make smart choices!

Rule #5: Keep your learning community happy

These rules are connected to our Super Improver Wall. As students are following these rules, they earn stamps on leveled cards. As they fill each card, they climb up the wall. The higher they get on the wall, the more stamps that are needed to fill each card.