



Grade 1 Handbook

MRS. MADORE'S CLASSROOM

2023 - 2024

ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS





MEET THE TEACHER

*Mrs.
Madore*

ABOUT ME

My name is Mrs. Madore and I am thrilled to introduce myself as your Grade One teacher this year! I have loved my experiences teaching grade one and can't wait for all that's in store for us this year.

Before graduating with my Bachelor of Education, I graduated with a degree in Behavioural Science. In addition to my passion for teaching, you can also find me climbing mountains, getting outdoors, playing pickle ball, wake surfing, and being active! Whether camping, hiking or simply spending time in God's creation with my husband, family, and friends, being in nature with my loved ones brings me great joy.

I am passionate about encouraging each child in their unique abilities and gifts, and cheering them on every step of the way. I can't wait to meet you, start the year of adventures together!

COMMUNICATING WITH ME

I highly value open communication. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments throughout the year. Email is typically the best way to contact me with brief questions, however if you have a pressing concern please call me at the school phone number. I check my emails periodically throughout the day and do my best to respond to emails within 24 hours. I do step away from email over the weekend.

Another great way to stay connected with what is going on in the classroom is by reading our weekly email. You are also welcome to check the school website. There you will find additional important calendar dates to remember and other helpful updates.

CONTACT DETAILS

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WELCOME TO GRADE 1!

The handbook contains important information for you and your child to note as we begin our year together. Please take time to read all the content to ensure a smooth start to the year.

I am very excited to start our adventures in Grade One together! My priority is to ensure that all students and parents feel welcomed and excited to be at school. Grade One is filled with learning that will engage your child and enhance their knowledge and skills. If you would like to know more about what we will be learning this year, follow the link below for what Grade 1 at a glance looks like:
<https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/grade1.html>

TELL ME ABOUT YOU!

Upon your child's first day of school, you will be receiving a short activity for you to complete with your child for me to get to know them a little bit more. What kind of learner are they, what has helped them succeed in the past, some of their favourite things to do, places to see etc. It won't be long, simply a little note to help me get to know your child better and help them learn in the best way that I can. Every child has the ability to succeed and I am honoured that I get to help pour into who God has called them to be.

If you could fill this form out and send it back to school with your child in their agenda it would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to getting to know you and your amazing grade one this year!

"FOR I CAN DO EVERYTHING
THROUGH CHRIST, WHO GIVES
ME STRENGTH."

- PHILIPPIANS 4:13

CLASSROOM ROUTINES & PROCEDURES



WATERBOTTLES & FOOD:

Please send a water bottle to school with your child. It will be sent home at the end of the day and ask that they be washed to avoid any spreading of germs. The students have snack time each morning. For lunch time, the students will not have access to a microwave so please ensure all hot items are sent in a thermos. Our school also participates in the Boomerang lunch program, which means what students pack in they also pack out. Any garbage, juice boxes, plastic wrappers etc. need to be put back in their lunch kit and taken home. With this initiative the school is producing 3 times less garbage than in the past.

AGENDA:

Your child will be writing daily agenda messages. Their message could include what they have learned that day for you to ask them about, reminders, special events coming up, forms, and other notes. Please check their agenda each night for any communication as it is a great way to engage in your child's learning. Also, if you have any communication notes for me please write them in the agenda, as I check them every morning when the kids come in. This will ensure a prompt reply.

VOLUNTEERS:

Once we settle into our classroom routine, volunteers will be greatly appreciated and welcomed into our class. It is our school policy that all of our volunteers (whether for field trips, or in the classroom) complete a valid criminal record check and security clearance for the office to keep on file. Please see our school secretary, Angela Watts, for the necessary forms. I will send out updates through the newsletters and emails that will keep you informed. Stay tuned for more information!

HOME READING & LITERACY:

Home reading with your child has wonderful benefits! I will be sending home a reading log with your child in their agenda for them to track the books you read together throughout the year. Once they complete one reading log, they will get to pick a prize from our classroom treasure box and receive a new reading log book. I will send home additional literacy and numeracy work if needed. I will also send home sight word lists each week. A new list will be sent home on Monday's for you to work on with your child. I will send home additional work when needed. We will have a spelling test on Friday's. More information will follow in the coming weeks as begin our literacy program.

CLOTHING & SHOES:

Please make sure your child has a pair of outdoor AND indoor shoes as well as an extra change of clothes in the case of an accident, slip into mud, spill etc. It always helps having an extra set of clothes on hand. **MAKE SURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS BEING SENT TO SCHOOL** (clothing, shoes, backpacks, lunch kits, etc.) Thank you in advance!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Parents are invited to send store-bought, individually pre-packaged food and treats to school with their child for such events as birthdays and special classroom celebrations. All food sent to school to be shared with the class must be commercially packaged. This means such items as cake, cupcakes, and cookies baked and packaged at home (wrapped with cellophane) are not permitted. In addition, all packaged items must be labelled 'NUT FREE'. If baked at home or not labelled 'nut free,' the food will be returned home with the child who brought it to school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

All of the traditional school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, pencil crayons, etc. are provided by the school. The only supplies I ask students to bring are: comfortable headphones (clearly labeled in a ziplock bag), a paint shirt, and as previously mentioned an extra change of clothes). These items will be kept in the students backpack. If you would like to contribute additional supplies to the class we are always looking for donations for the following items below. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

- Kleenex
- Plastic ziplock bags
- Plastic forks or spoons

Despite the exciting new toys and technology students acquire throughout the year, I ask that they stay at home to avoid the items being misplaced or a distraction in the classroom. There will be designated days and times where special items can be brought in and shared with classmates. I appreciate your support with this!

WEEK IN REVIEW & TWITTER PAGE:

I will be sending out a weekly recap email to inform you of important upcoming dates, volunteer opportunities, what we are working on in class, and more! Be sure to check your email for the weekly communication.

I will also have a classroom twitter page. Engaging in classroom twitter feeds help keep parents informed on what is going on in the classroom as well as build community within the school. Please feel free to follow along on our class twitter page to see all the adventures that we engage in throughout the year at the following link: https://twitter.com/mrs_madore

DROP OFF/PICK UP & BUS ROUTINE:

Please come to our K/1 door where a staff member will welcome your child in the morning and direct them to their K/1 classrooms. If your child takes the bus, please familiarize yourself with the correct protocol as it is important for their safety. Each child who rides the bus must have a bus pass attached to their backpack, somewhere visible and ensure that their bus route number is written on the pass. When it is time to load, a supervisor will take the children and load them onto their correct bus. As the year progresses and the students are comfortable and familiar with the procedures, they will be allowed to walk directly to their bus after dismissal. Students who get picked up will be released by a teacher at their designated door. An adult will always remain with them until they are picked up. If an alternate arrangement is made for your child to be picked up please write a note in their agenda, email, or contact the school to let me know. This communication must be in place prior to your child leaving the school with an alternative arrangement to ensure safety of all students.

OUTDOOR LEARNING & FIELD TRIPS:

We will be taking our learning outside each week to enjoy the outdoors around the school, participating in learning activities, and adventuring (not part of the field trip counts and no cost.) Please ensure your child is prepared and dressed for the weather each day. I will include this in the agenda message or send an email when we plan to be outside for more than recess or gym time. Grade One's typically attend a few field trips a year that require entrance fees and busing costs. Communication will be sent when such fields trips are planned to organize permission forms and payment.

BIBLE MEMORY & PRAYER:

I am very grateful to be a part of school that values and prioritizes prayer as a daily practice. It would be lovely for you to join in with us in prayer as we take on this exciting year of grade one together! CCA participates in a wonderful Bible memory program. The children will be provided a series of Bible verses that relate to the topics of study within the classroom and they will be given the opportunity to practice and memorize the verses on a bi-weekly basis. At the end of the year, children successful in their memory verses will be rewarded with a scripture memory medal. I will email and send home a copy of our Bible memory verses shortly!

MY BLUEPRINT

Rocky View Schools is using the My Blueprint program as a tool to facilitate student reflection and learning. My Blueprint is a kid-friendly, interactive portfolio tool that allows K-6 students to reflect on their learning, showcase their growth, and share their achievements. They can easily navigate through the portfolio, explore occupations, write journal entries, set goals, and upload files, pictures, videos, drawings, and audio recordings. My Blueprint can be accessed by each student's family. Your child's teacher will send a request to your email address. Stay tuned for an email regarding My Blueprint parent access from your child's teacher in the coming weeks.

With many thanks,

Mrs. Madore

Grade 1

Cochrane Christian Academy