

# Grade 2 Handbook

Mrs. Dimnik's Classroom

2023-2024

Rocky View Schools



# MEET THE TEACHER

Jenna Dimnik



## Welcome!

Welcome to 2D! My name is Jenna Dimnik. I have been teaching for 12 years and have a passion for early literacy. It has been a joy to have taught most of your children in grade one, as I was the mental health teacher for grades 1-6 at CCA for the last three years. I am looking forward to being back in a homeroom position. Outside of school, I love spending time with my husband, Jason, and our daughter, Kinsley. I enjoy reading, crafting/scrapbooking, and going on walks with our puppy named Maui.



## Contact Information

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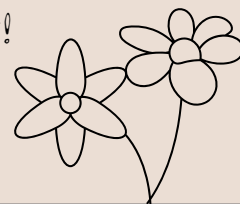
Email will be checked periodically between 7:30am-3:30pm weekdays. Emails will be responded to within 24 business hours

School Phone Number:

403-932-5177

Office Hours- by appointment

Thanks!



# 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 I ask that they be washed each evening to avoid any spreading of germs. The students have snack time in the morning. I encourage students to make healthy choices in their snack during this time (ie. Fresh fruit, vegetables, yogurt, etc.). Please try to avoid sending candy, chips, cupcakes etc. for morning snack. This will help ensure your child is getting the right fuel for their bodies and brains. 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.

## COMMUNICATION & AGENDA:

Student agenda and email will be the primary tools used to share classroom and school information. I will send a brief email with classroom news every Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments throughout the year. Please email with any information needed for the day (child away, going to be late, change in pick up), as agenda messages can be missed.

Your child will be writing daily agenda messages. Their messages could include what they have learned that day, 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.

## VOLUNTEERS:

As volunteer opportunities come up, we would love to have you in the classroom. 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, Angie Watts, for the necessary forms. I will send out updates through the newsletter and emails that will notify you of any upcoming volunteer events if you wish to help out. Stay tuned for more information!

## HOME READING & HOMEWORK:

Home reading with your child has many wonderful benefits. Students are encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes a day. More information about the home reading program will be shared soon.

Students are also encouraged to practice their spelling words. Memory verses will be assigned weekly. Students that can independently recite their memory verses weekly will qualify for the Memory Verse Medal presented in June.

Project based homework may be assignment throughout the year.

## CLOTHING & SHOES:

Please make sure your child has a pair of outdoor AND indoor shoes. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS BEING SENT TO SCHOOL (clothing, shoes, backpacks, lunch kits, etc.)

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays are very important reasons to celebrate, and I know students love sharing their day with friends! If you would like to send a special treat to school with your child on their birthday, please send me an email or note in their agenda with the details in advance. This year, 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 items such 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 your child has birthday invitations they would like to hand out, please send them with your child and I will discretely help your child put them into the corresponding agendas.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

All 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) and Kleenex box, and as previously mentioned indoor shoes (to remain at school), and water bottle.

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!

- Plastic ziplock bags (large or small)
- 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!

## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Staggered entrance begins at 7:52am. Students will leave their boots on the shelf, and backpacks, coats, etc. will be hung on the coat hooks outside the classroom. Upon entering the classroom, students will write their agenda message, and begin morning work. Every morning, we will start our day with a class meeting to review the day's events and spend time with God in devotions and prayer, inviting Him to be the leader of our day.

We end our day in prayer and thanksgiving before being dismissed. Dismissal is at 2:20pm and buses leave at 2:30

## FIELD TRIPS & OUTINGS:

Grade Two's typically attend a few field trips a year that require entrance fees and busing costs. We will also be making frequent outings to enjoy the outdoors around the school as part of our daily physical activity and Walk Wednesday program (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.

## 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.

I look forward to the year ahead! It's going to be a wonderful year full of new learning, adventures and memories. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

With many thanks,

Mrs. Dimnik

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IN OUR LIVES: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,  
KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS,  
SELF-CONTROL. THERE IS NO LAW AGAINST THESE  
THINGS!  
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