

Hello at home!

This is just a brief note welcoming you to our Gr. 6 class. It's going to be another amazing year at St. Brieux School. Thank you for entrusting me with your kiddos.

Firstly, let me introduce myself to you. My name is Mrs. Mandy Salmon and I am fortunate to be the Gr. 6 teacher again this year. I am married to Dave and we have two wonderful children; Molly and Harry. I am sure you will hear lots about them all throughout the coming year. Here's a photograph taken on the day we became Canadian Citizens!



My main methods of communication will be email and sharing videos using the Seesaw program. I have a group email set up and you should now have received an email from me. **If you have recently changed your email address or, if you did not receive the email, please let me know as soon as possible.** Please try to check in regularly as information will be emailed on a regular basis.

We continue to use a weekly spelling program in Gr. 6. Words will be introduced to the students on a Monday and they will undertake a spelling test on the Friday of that week. We will practice the words, in various formats, throughout the week. Students should also be studying their words at home in order to rock the tests!

We will also focus on The Daily 5: concentrating on writing, reading to someone, reading to self, listening to reading and word work. In addition, we will use the strategies incorporated in The 7 Keys to Comprehension in order to enhance the literacy of our students. Book Love will also be an important element of our ELA lessons. Students will document how much they are reading, the genre of books that they are reading (stating whether they found the book easy/just right or challenging) and they will also create their own personal reading targets for the upcoming term.

In math, students will be coming home with a multiplication chart. We will work on times tables in class, too, but please work on these at home with your child for extra practice. Any homework will be written on the board and students will need to ensure that this information is written down prior to the end of the school day. Students will set up their own homework notebook for this. It is vital that students take personal responsibility for homework, making sure it is completed and handed in by the given date.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Open communication is vital for all of us.

I am super excited about the upcoming year with your kiddos! It's going to be a brilliant year!

Mandy Salmon  
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