



Welcome Back to School!

August 31 or September 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to welcome you and your children back to school! I want to extend an invitation to you for our "Meet the Teacher/Staff" night on Thursday next week, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. We are calling it "Get the Scoop!" and in keeping with the name, we will have some frozen treats available. If you are unable to attend, but have questions for me, I am happy to make time to speak to you any time. Just email me to set up a time. If you are new to the school, welcome to Kinosayo! To those of you returning, welcome back! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you; and I can't wait to learn even more about all of the bright, wonderful grade 2 students I am teaching this year.

My full name is Mrs. Lisa Bordian, and in addition to being your child's homeroom teacher, I will be responsible for teaching them language arts and science this year. I will be with the students for most of the morning every day. Mrs. Misty Reeve will be teaching us math, Mrs. Lauren Harris will be teaching us social studies and art, Mrs. Sara Herman will be teaching our class gym, and Mrs. Brittany Liska will be teaching us music. I am happy to say that we also have the help of Mrs. Tatjana Peric in our room for most of each day.

We are all creative, patient, and dedicated to building a positive learning environment for our students and school community. One of our goals is to help your child develop a lifelong love of learning. We believe that it is our job to help your child learn the skills they will need to become independent self-starters. We will be as consistent as possible with routines and expectations to help keep the classroom running smoothly.



Home reading:

Just like riding a bike, reading is a skill that improves with practice. Reading together can have a great impact on your child's success. Students will learn the necessary strategies that will help them with their reading at school. Hopefully, your child will love to read so much that they will choose to read each evening in order to help them further reinforce those strategies. I am not requiring you to fill in a reading log but I will be encouraging the children to take home books to enjoy from our classroom library to read, in addition to the books they select from our school library each week.

I cannot emphasize enough that your child's reading choices when they are reading at home should be easy for them to read. They should know 99% of the words on each page, so that they can concentrate on building fluency (reading like they speak) and understanding. If your child is having trouble with more than one or two words on a page, then that book is not suitable as an independent reading choice. Reading at home is a time to celebrate reading success and build confidence, not struggle. If your child is interested in reading a book that is difficult for them, read it to them so that they can see an expert reader in action and still enjoy the content.

Homework

I don't often send homework, with the exception of encouraging the reading of good fit books at home when schedules permit. The children usually cheer when I tell them this! Believe me, I know how precious family time is, and I want you and your child to spend your evenings together doing something enjoyable. No one wants to work all day and then come home and work all evening. If I do have to send something home, it will come with an explanation of why it is being sent.



Ways to communicate:

Please feel free to write in your child's agenda, email, or call the school if you have any questions or concerns. If you send an email, please be patient with us in terms of our response time. Our main focus is spending time with your amazing children, which means we don't often get a chance to check our email while we are teaching. We promise to do our best to check it daily. 😊

Please check my classroom website for links to newsletters, most recent classroom schedules and other daily and weekly information. We will try to check and write in our agendas on a daily basis, but if something urgent comes up, and you need to get a hold of me quickly, don't hesitate to call the school at 780-459-3114.

You can get to our class website by searching:

teacherbordian@weebly.com

I try to update the class website by the end of the night on Sunday each weekend so that you are aware of what is happening the following week. The kids' favourite items on the website are always the pictures! They are very excited to show you what they have been up to at school. I will often take pictures of their artwork as well. If you see that pictures you and your child love have been removed from the main page, don't worry – they are just under their own page under the "Classroom Pictures" heading.

Birthdays:

Just in case you were wondering, you are able to send in a nut-free snack with your child to share with their classmates on their birthday but this is in no way required. There are currently 29 children in our classroom.



Birthdays continued:

If your child's birthday falls on a weekend, I will ask them if they would rather celebrate it before or after the weekend, and if they have a summer birthday, never fear, we will find a time to fit it in before the end of the year!

If I've left out anything, please don't hesitate to ask me and I will get back to you as quickly as possible. We are all happy to work with you and hope to make your child's school year productive and outstanding!

Warmest regards,

Lisa Bordian 😊

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P.S. Please send back the attached "Let me introduce my child" and "Volunteer" pages as soon as possible. The rest of this newsletter is yours to keep and refer to at home.



Here is a copy of our current classroom schedule:

Mrs. Bordian's Class: Daily Schedule

Week of: 11 September

	11/9 MONDAY	12/9 TUESDAY	13/9 WEDNESDAY	14/9 THURSDAY	15/9 FRIDAY
8:50 am	Morning Bell & Attendance	Morning Bell & Attendance	Morning Bell & Attendance	Morning Bell & Attendance	Morning Bell & Attendance
8:55 am	LA	LA	LA	LA	LA
9:27 am	LA	LA	LA	LA	LA
9:59 am	Science	LA	Science	LA	LA
10:31 am	Science	LA	Science	LA	LA
11:03 am	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
11:18 am	LA	LIBRARY	LA	LA	Art
11:50 am	Music: Mrs. Liska	Music: Mrs. Liska	Art Mrs. Harris	Music: Mrs. Liska	Mrs. Harris
12:22 pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:52 pm	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
1:22 pm	Afternoon Bell & Attendance	Afternoon Bell & Attendance	Afternoon Bell & Attendance	Afternoon Bell & Attendance	Afternoon Bell & Attendance
1:27 pm	Social: Mrs. Harris	Social: Mrs. Harris	Social: Mrs. Harris	Social: Mrs. Harris	Social: Mrs. Harris
1:59 pm	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
2:30 pm	Mrs. Reeve	Mrs. Reeve	Mrs. Reeve	Mrs. Reeve	Mrs. Reeve
3:03 pm	Physical Education: Mrs. Herman	Physical Education: Mrs. Herman	Art: Mrs. Harris	Physical Education: Mrs. Herman	Physical Education: Mrs. Herman
3:35 pm	Hometime	Hometime	Hometime	Hometime	Hometime



Let me introduce my Child

My child likes to be called: _____

My child enjoys: _____

Three words I would use to describe my child are:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

My child works best when: (alone, in quiet, in groups, etc.) _____

My child gets frustrated when: _____

This year I hope my child:

Any medical/physical concerns or allergies:

Anything else you feel I should know that might affect your child's learning.

Please provide your contact information:

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



**Please detach and return to Mrs. Bordian if you are interested
in volunteering in the classroom ☺**

Child's name: _____

Your name: _____

Best way to contact you: _____

Availability:

Please circle when you are available to volunteer.

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>
Monday	Yes or No	Yes or No
Tuesday	Yes or No	Yes or No
Wednesday	Yes or No	Yes or No
Thursday	Yes or No	Yes or No
Friday	Yes or No	Yes or No
Classroom Parties	Yes or No	Yes or No
Field Trips	Yes or No	Yes or No
I am unable to come in but would be happy to work on items at home (eg. cutting).	Yes	No