Learning Zones

As part of Nova Scotia's action plan for education, content area subjects are no longer taught in isolation. Science, social studies, health and visual arts will be taught during integrated language arts and integrated mathematics as part of "learning zones". These learning zones will provide a variety of learning opportunities for students. The learning zones in our classroom are:

- reading
- writing
- math

- art
- word work
- technology
- science



CONTENT AREAS



Social Studies

- Identity
- Historical roots and traditions

Visual Arts

- Exploring materials
- · Examining art
- Respect toward art

Science

- Exploring sand and water
- Exploring living things
- Exploring materials

Health

- Emotions
- Families
- Personal safety

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Integrated Mathematics

Math in grade primary is very "hands on". Students will engage in many learning opportunities using a variety of manipulatives. Strands explored are:

- Numbers to 10
- Patterning
- Measurement

Geometry

Integrated Language Arts

Strands explored in grade primary are speaking and listening, reading, and writing. Students will be engaged in:

- Reader's Workshop
- Writer's Workshop
- Word Work
- Technology integration







Communication

Communication is extremely important when it comes to the education of your child. Message bags are sent home daily with any notices or information that needs to be sent home. Thank you for sending your child's message bag back every day with any notes or information you have for me. With today's technology, communication is easier than ever. I use a program called "fresh grade" to provide you with live videos and pictures of learning experiences that take place in the classroom. I also use "remind", which is a web-based program that allows me to send group reminders via text message and e-mail.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Assessment and Evaluation

Students in grade primary do not receive letter grades on their report card. Instead, your child will receive a comment for Integrated Language Arts and Integrated Mathematics. The comment consists of a strength, a challenge, and a suggestion for improvement.

I use a variety of assessment and evaluation tools throughout the year to determine your child's level of understanding of the outcomes. These include:

- conferences
- observations
- conversations
- student work
- rubrics
- running records