

Welcome to Mrs. Converse's 1st grade!

Communication

Please visit my website or refer to your child's Take Home folder to find answers to the questions you may have about classroom routines and curriculum. I will keep the classroom calendar up to date so you may plan ahead. My teacher webpage is located on the school district website. Please click on Parkdale, listed under schools, and then teacher webpages.



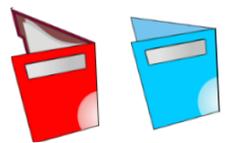
If you cannot find the answers on my webpage or your child's Take Home folder, you may send me an email. I check my email throughout the day. My email address is bconverse@eak12.org. Voicemail would be another way to reach out to me. Please call 687-2490 and leave me a message in mailbox 5112.

I also have an account on the Remind app. It would be helpful if all parents signed up on my class account. I understand everyone is very busy so I will keep my text messages to a minimum. My account is set up so we can privately respond to each other, which will be more efficient when needing a quick answer to a question.

If during the school day, an emergency situation presents itself and you need to reach me immediately, please contact the office (687-2352). They will contact me right away on my classroom phone.

Folders

You will receive two folders home during the week. **On a daily basis**, your child will bring home their Take Home folder which will contain completed assignments and homework (due the next day). Once a week, usually on Tuesday, important communications from Parkdale, the Boys and Girls Club, the Town of Aurora Recreation Department and other community groups will be sent home in the Take Home folder. Please be sure to empty the folder out every night. The zipper pouch in the Take Home folder will also serve as a location for you to place notes for the Parkdale office or me. On every Tuesday, the first grade W.O.W. (Work On Wednesday) folder will be sent home. Included in the W.O.W. folder will be a list of assignments to be completed on our remote school day on Wednesday and returned on Thursday.



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Snack & Water Bottles

We will have snack during the morning and afternoon sessions. Everyone should bring in their own healthy snack each day. The children are allowed to keep a water bottle in their cubby. Our classroom and hallway drinking fountains are not available due to COVID-19. There is a refrigerator in the classroom for anyone who brings in fruit or a snack that does not need utensils in order to eat that needs to be refrigerated.



Birthdays

The children's birthdays will be a special day in our classroom. Due to COVID-19, birthday treats will not be allowed to be brought in by the students this school year. I promise we will celebrate your child's special day in a fun way!



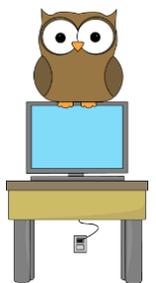
Box Tops

No more clipping! No more sending Box Tops into school! All you need is the Box Tops app on your phone! Shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipt to find participating products. The app will automatically credit Parkdale's Box Tops earnings online! Twice a year, Parkdale will receive a check, which will be used to enhance the instructional program for our students.



Google Meets

Each Wednesday, I will set up a Google Meet with the class, most likely in small groups. During our Google Meets, I will take attendance so it is important that your child participates in the Meet they are scheduled for. Our Google Meets will be scheduled in the morning. The student groups will be a mix of morning and afternoon students. Please be sure that your child is sitting in a quiet space with no distractions such as pets and siblings. It is difficult to conduct a Google Meet when there are distractions in the same room. Thank you in advance! 😊



Remote Learning Times and Wednesdays

During remote learning times (half days at home) and Wednesdays, the children will be responsible to complete assignments in their Special Area classes (there are two on A Days) and in Science, Social Studies, Health and Listening and Learning. In the areas of Science, Social Studies, Health and Listening and Learning, another 1st grade teacher may teach the lesson. The 1st grade team includes Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Caligiuri, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Silliman and myself. We look forward to presenting lessons to the entire grade level!

