

An Introduction

September 5, 2019

I would like to introduce myself and let you know how privileged and delighted I am to be the Grade 4/5 – Extended program teacher for your child! :-)

Your child will be engaging in inquiry projects, practicing key skills, and exploring a wide variety of ideas in the subjects of Science, Phys Ed, Health, Music, and Dance each day in my classroom during Block 3. Because our Catholic faith is interwoven into all subjects, one day we may listen to a piece of religious music and reflect how it leads us to prayer, while another day we might discuss how caring for our bodies by living a healthy lifestyle is one way we strive to meet the Gospel Value of "Stewardship of Creation".

For the first few days, we will be busy establishing class routines, as well as reviewing classroom rules and learning expectations. Because there are students from both Grade 4 and Grade 5 in this learning group, time will be taken to clarify how best to work independently and within a small group on an assignment while I am teaching a lesson to the other grade. At other times, however, lessons will be taught to the students in both grades together, but then the assigned task or the level of sophistication of the response will vary depending on the grade (e.g. during a Phys Ed lesson or a dance activity).

If your child comes from another class to my room for Block 3, they have been asked to travel lightly, bringing only their pencil case with them. When other materials are needed, such as their agenda or coloured markers, they will be allowed to go back and get the necessary items. Arrangements will be made to allow the students access to water bottles, especially on gym days (Tuesday & Friday).

My home base is Room 106 inside the school building, conveniently located for easy access to the learning commons, office, gym, water fountains, and washrooms.

If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to call or write a note to me. A good time to hear more about learning opportunities in the Grade 4 & 5 "Extended" program will be on "Meet the Teacher Night" on Thursday, September 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. Also, please visit my website and follow my Twitter updates where I will be posting information on homework assignments, summary of topics covered in class, examples of student work, and links to helpful websites:

Class website: missbasten.weebly.com **Twitter:** [MissBasten_OCSB](https://twitter.com/MissBasten_OCSB)

I'm looking forward to an exciting year of fun & awesome learning activities!

Sincerely,

Miss Miriam Basten

