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Newsletter from Mr. Toft

Welcome Back!

I am looking forward to working with your child this year. This is my 19th year of teaching and my eighth year at Berrigan. I will be teaching Math and English to Mme Maki and Mme Kirby/Mme Marleau's students on a daily basis.

Our Class Blog

Visit MrToft.ca daily for news about our learning in Math and English. This will give you a sense of what we are working on in class, along with any upcoming information that you need to know. You will also find numerous links to websites to support our learning.

Contact Information

You can reach me either by writing a note in your child's agenda or at Nathan.Toft@ocdsb.ca. If your request is of an urgent nature, please contact the school at 613-825-0092.

Homework

Students are assessed on their ability to complete work independently at school and will not be expected to complete project or additional assignments at home. The exceptions to this may be when a practice assignment was not completed during class time, or if I feel your child may benefit from some additional review of a concept at home.

Research has shown that nightly reading is the best way to support your child's continued development at school. Reading for just 15 – 20 minutes a night can provide huge benefits in spelling, vocabulary development, memory skills and more. Students will have weekly access to the school library for reading materials, along with permission to take home books from my personal classroom library. Your support at home in reinforcing the importance of reading, and the prompt return of library materials, is very much appreciated!

Book Orders

I will be handling the English book orders for your child's class this year. Students will write the deadline for orders in their agendas. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada. If you decide to pay online with a credit card go to parentpay.scholastic.ca and search for my name (Nathan Toft). Please send in the order form with your child.