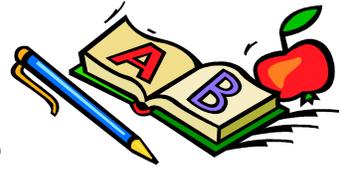


# SEPTEMBER NEWS



**Dear Parents,**

I am very happy to welcome everyone back to school! I hope that everyone had a safe, happy and healthy summer. I am looking forward to getting to know and work with the Grade 6 students at HCI this school year!

**About me!**

First off, I was born and raised in Winnipeg and moved to Hamiota to start farming with my husband 8 years ago. The transition between big city and small town has been smooth sailing thus far...but it has still taken some time getting used to. This past year I was off on maternity leave as we welcomed the final member of our family into this world last October. Prior to that I have spent the last seven years of my career teaching in the middle years at Rossburn Elementary.

I know that every family recognizes that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. I know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. I ask that you guide and

support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experiences. However, if they are sick please make sure that your child stays home.
2. Completes all tasks and assignments given by teachers. If students do not use their class time appropriately they will be expected to finish their work at home and bring it back the following day.
3. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
4. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.
5. Follows school and classroom rules as well as safety guidelines on a daily basis.
6. Shows respect to fellow classmates, teachers and students both in the classroom and on the playground.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year you are invited to phone me at school (204-842-2803) and I

will do my best to return your call ASAP. I am also available through email at [mchichlowski@pwsd.ca](mailto:mchichlowski@pwsd.ca). Feel free to email me in the next couple of days to say hello and introduce yourself, or ask any questions you may have. I also encourage you to read as well as sign your child's agenda daily. Their agenda will be used as a primary source of communication between school and home.

I have a classroom website specially designed for the Grade 6 Class that will be updated on a regular basis. Here you will find what to expect in class, what units we are currently covering, as well as a classroom schedule, important dates, learning links and a showcase of the students' work. You can access the site through the schools main website or by following this link:  
<http://mschichlowskisclass.weebly.com/>

I also strongly encourage students to try and read 15-20 minutes every night! This can include but is not limited to, books, magazines, newspapers, instruction manuals, and newsletters. Reading is extremely important! Their Read Every Day Folder will be used to help track their reading, set goals, and will include questions that can improve their thinking above and beyond the text. I encourage you to take the time to read with your child and/or simply ask them some

questions about what they have read to help with their understanding. Students will have the option of taking a book home or they may read one that they already have. Please try to help them make this task successful and promote the positive impacts of reading! If you have any further questions about the reading folder please feel free to ask!

I consider it a great privilege to have the opportunity to teach the Grade 6 students of Hamiota this year and am looking forward to being part of your child's Grade 6 experience!

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you!

Ms. Melissa Chichlowski