



# Welcome to Primary/One!

## Mrs. Madinsky

### Welcome

My name is Danielle Madinsky and I will be your child's teacher this year. I am so excited for the year ahead and all the learning we get to do together!

### Contact Info

Regular Home-School communication is super important in order to support students in their learning.

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### Curriculum

In the early elementary years, our main focus is on English Language Arts and Mathematics. All other subjects are integrated into these two main subject areas.

### English Language Arts

English Language Arts is broken into three main strands:

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading and Viewing
- Writing and Representing

Students will be engaged in Reader's Workshop, Writer's Workshop, Word Work, Sound Work and Technology Integration.



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### Mathematics

The Math Curriculum is divided into four units:

- Number Sense
- Patterns
- Geometry
- Measurement

### Integrated Subjects

Science

Social Studies

Health

Visual Arts

For more information about each of the Integrated Subjects, please visit:

<https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/>

### Assessment

There are many ways in which we gather information about a student's progress throughout the year.

Assessment tools we use include, but are not limited to, work samples, journals, daily observations, conferences, checklists, rubrics, reading records and self-evaluations. Report cards, grade placement and program decisions will be based on the active and ongoing assessments in the classroom.



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### Classroom Expectations

In our classroom, we follow the "Golden Rule"; treating others the way we would like to be treated. Respect and kindness are key in our classroom. When a concern or conflict arises, we deal with it in a respectful way, taking others' needs into consideration. Class meetings are held daily to discuss respectful behaviour, social skills and conflict resolution.

### Homework

Each student will have a Message Bag that will come home everyday. Please ensure your child's Message bag is checked and returned daily. In this message bag you can find students' books, notices/slips, etc. Students will be expected to be reading and/or read to daily. For Math, students will occasionally be given math games and/or worksheets to complete at home. I will communicate more information about Homework expectations at the beginning of October.

