



# Banff Trail School

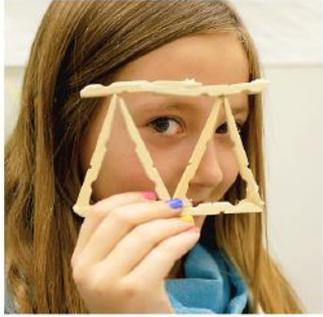
## Kindergarten|Gr.1 Welcome and Orientation

Thursday, May 11, 2023  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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# Agenda

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# About Banff Trail School



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Visit our School Website:

<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/banfftrail/Pages/default.aspx>

# Introductions

Principal: Ryan Turner

Assistant Principal: Nancy Toy

Administrative Assistant: Elaine Carter

Current School Council Chair: Ashley Looyzen

Current School Council Vice Chair: Erin Runnalls

## **Current Staffing**

Kindergarten Teachers: Mme Jocelyn Wensley  
M. Matthieu Boutin

Grade One Teachers: Mme Vicky Thompson (Mme Roe Parks)  
Mme Kalpana Chengkalath  
Mme Kim Burns



# General Information

# Overview of Early French Immersion

## Kindergarten – Grade 2

- All instruction is in French

## Grades 3 – 5

- English (ELA) is introduced in Grade 3
- 80% of instruction is in French, 20% in English

Strong oral language proficiency (listening, speaking) is developed in early years to transfer into reading and writing in later grades.

# School Hours 2023-2024

Office Opens: Monday, August 28th, 2023

School Begins: Thursday, August 31st, 2023

## School Hours (tentative)

Monday – Thursday: 7:58 am – 2:30 pm

Friday: 7:58 am – 12:00 pm

Kindergarten (2022-23—likely similar for 2023-24)

Monday – Thursday: 7:58 am – 10:46 am (AM)

11:40 am – 2:30 pm (PM)

Friday: 7:58 am – 12:00 pm

\*Kindergarten AM/PM alternates on Friday, to attend every other Friday

## Lunch Hour:

Grades 1 – 5 (2 shifts—gr 1-2 eat first, then gr 3-5)

Monday-Thursday: 11:30 am to 12:15 pm

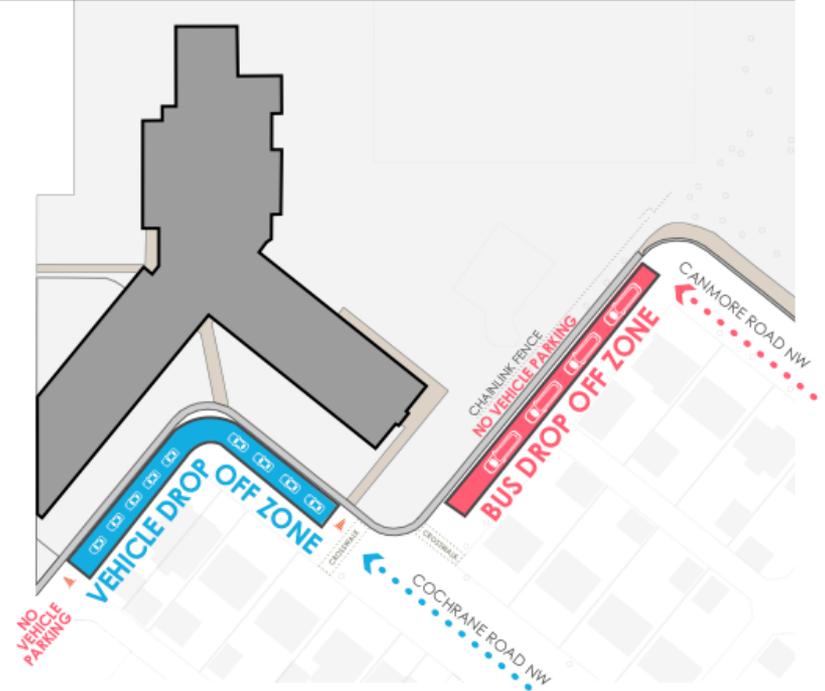
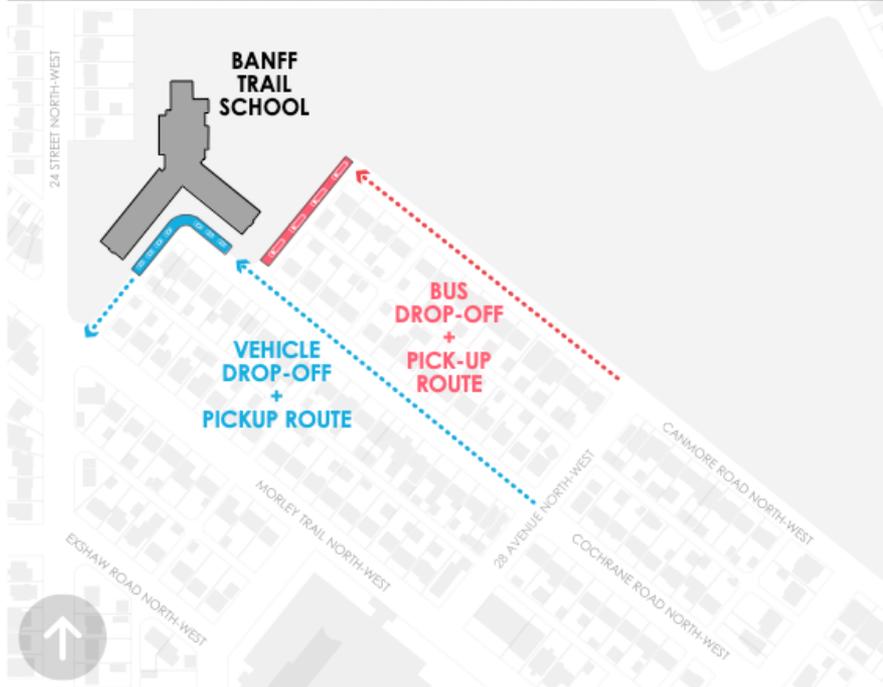
# BANFF TRAIL DROP-OFF PROCEDURE



**DROP-OFF TIME**  
**7:43-7:58 AM**  
DURING SUPERVISION

**PICKUP TIME**  
**2:30 PM 12:00 PM**  
MON - THR FRI

- 1 PULL AHEAD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DROP-OFF ZONE IN SINGLE FILE
- 2 DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES
- 3 2 MINUTE MAXIMUM
- 4 KEEP THE CROSSWALK CLEAR OF VEHICLES AND AHEAD TO SAFETY PATROLLERS BY WAITING BEHIND THE CROSSWALK UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED
- 5 KEEP THE BUS ZONE CLEAR



# Attendance, Absences & Lates

- Daily attendance is taken shortly after students enter the classroom
- Office staff contact parents whose children are absent without previous notice
- Should your child be late or absent, please call the 24-hour absence line at (403) 777-6120, Ext. 1
- Students arriving late must be signed in through the main office.
- Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are developed during the first years of school

# Safety, Security and Well-Being

- Students arriving after the school bell should be brought to the front door, ring the intercom and be checked in at the main office
- Parents and visitors must use the intercom at the front door to gain access to the school
- All cleared visitors report to the front office, sign in and wear a name tag
- Students who leave during the school day must be “signed out” at the main office
- Any changes to regular routines of pick up and bussing need to be communicated to the school; advance notice is greatly appreciated
- Please do not park in designated Bus, Patrol, Drop Off Zones, or Staff Parking Lot

# School Messenger

- Most messages from school are sent to parents via email through SchoolMessenger
- It allows schools to easily and securely send email, phone and text messages to parents/guardians of students in a particular grade, class, school or area
- Messages are sent to the parent contacts on file at school
- **CASL:** To subscribe to receive **commercial electronic messages**, go to [www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe) to enter your email address and click Subscribe. Please enter the same email address where you receive other school messages and that you use to log into MyCBE.
- Subscribe to not miss information from Council, Dances, Field Trips (fees), etc.
- For additional information, please refer to the CBE website: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/school-messages/Pages/default.aspx>

**\*\* QR CODE ON NEXT SLIDE \*\***

# CASL Subscribe



Due to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation, you need to subscribe below if you want to continue receiving commercial electronic messages on school topics such as student information.

Provide your primary email address on file at your school (i.e. the email where you receive school messages and that you use to log into My CBE Account, if applicable).

 Email Address

# Communication

- School Messenger is used to send school wide and classroom news
- Parents must consent to receive 'commercial' text and/or email messages from the school
- Our School Website is updated regularly:

[cbe.ab.ca/banfftrail](http://cbe.ab.ca/banfftrail)

- Please advise the school office if your contact information changes
- Teachers are available for questions outside of instructional time
- Report Cards are shared with families in January and June for grades 1-5, and only June for Kindergarten. EYE-TA results replace the January report card for Kindergarten.
- School Conferences are held three times per year (normally September, November, March)
- **You will receive an introductory email from your child's teacher with further information on one of Aug 28/29/30.** If you do not receive anything by mid-day August 30, please contact the office.

# MyCBE/PowerSchool Account

- Banff Trail School encourages families to make payments for any fees online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool Account
- This option is the easiest method of payment; you can pay most school fees online
- This same account is used to book Parent Teacher Conferences during the school year, and view report cards
- Fees will be determined later this year; a digital information package will be sent home with the School Opening Package in September (must sign up for CASL)
- Reminder: Your child's CBE Student number is available in your MyCBE Account
- For additional information, please visit:  
<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>

# Transportation

- Consider registering your child for transportation next year if you are undecided. You can cancel at no penalty before the end of September.
- By registering for school bus service, your information is included when routes are planned (if done by June 11); planning is based on congregated stops
- Bus attendance is taken daily from August 31, 2023; your child's information is required to produce accurate lists
- Anticipated fees: \$260 (\$130 for Kindergarten)
- The safety of our students on the bus is very important to us. Kindergarten students will not be dropped off at a bus stop unless someone is there to pick them up
- Please ensure you are at your bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the arrival time of the bus

For more information about transportation, visit:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx>

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>



# Transportation, continued

- Kindergarten busing: only one direction is provided for transportation to align with school entry or dismissal. This means:
  - AM K: Busing available for entry, but they need transportation/child care for their day's end at ~10:46am
  - PM K: Busing available for dismissal, but they need transportation for entry at ~11:40am
  - Note: Grade 1 students will need to also pay for noon supervision, which will be posted in September (currently \$285/year)
  - My 1st Ride (Registration required-May 27, 28)

# What Does My Child Need for School?

## Kindergarten & Grade One

Your child will require:

### **A pair of indoor shoes**

- Please ensure that students have shoes that they can get on and off quickly and independently. (I.e: no shoelaces unless they are able to tie their shoes by themselves)

### **A backpack:**

- To fit a lunch kit packed with:
  - a healthy snack, refillable water bottle (Kindergarten)
  - a healthy snack, refillable water bottle, lunch (Grade 1)
- To transport library books, notices, sharing items, schoolwork, etc.
- To supply extra clothes (ex. underwear, socks, pants)

All other school supplies are provided.

**\*Please label your child's belongings with their name.**

# Enhanced Learning

## Field Trips

- Walking, On and Off Site
  - Ex. West Confederation Park, Land Based Learning, Guest speakers, Presentations, Performances, Bell Studio, Fort Calgary, Granary Road, Ralph Klein Park, Ice and Inline Skating, Lacrosse, Curling, etc.
  - Information will be sent home as activities are booked
  - Fees can be paid online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool account

## School Wide Events

- Learning Assemblies, Carnaval, Sports Day, Spirit Days

## Intensive French (Oral Language Learning - Listening & Speaking)

- Whole school learning to build oral language proficiency and confidence
- Teacher supporting all grades to build strong listening and speaking skills

## Bibliothèque/Library

- Book exchange, currently once per week

## Buddy Classes

- Partnering classes at different grade levels for learning (ex. reading, activities)

# Volunteering

- What does volunteering look like?
  - Field Trips, In-class support, Reading Program, School Wide Events, Preparation Work
- All volunteers must hold a valid CBE Issued Police Security Clearance; there are no exceptions to this policy
- Police clearance is valid for 5 years
- A CBE Volunteer Registration must be completed annually
- All volunteers must sign in at the main office and are identified by a school issued name tag
- **Younger non-school aged siblings cannot accompany volunteers**
- More information about volunteering is emailed home in the first days of school

For more information, visit:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer/Pages/volunteer.aspx>



# **Banff Trail School Council & Parent Fundraising Association**

Chair: Ashley Looyesen

Vice Chair: Erin Runnalls

[banfftrailchair@gmail.com](mailto:banfftrailchair@gmail.com)



# Kindergarten

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# Kindergarten – First Days

## Thursday, August 31, 2023

- First Day of School for all students
  - Morning class - 7:58 am – 10:46 am (2022-23)
  - Afternoon class - 11:40 am – 2:30 pm (2022-23)

## Friday, September 1, 2023

- Alternating half-day Friday routine begins
- Morning/AM classes attend from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm
- No classes for Afternoon/PM Kindergarten

## Monday, September 4, 2023

- Labour Day; No School

## Friday, September 8, 2023

- Afternoon/PM classes attend from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm
- No classes for Morning/AM Kindergarten

# Kindergarten: Arrival & Dismissal

## Arrival

- Non-bused students meet teachers at the indicated doors with their parent/caregiver
- Bused students are met by the bus supervisor in the morning at the designated school bus zone

## Dismissal

- Non-bused students meet their parent/caregiver at the designated doors
- Bused students meet the bus supervisor in the afternoon at the designated school bus zone

# Kindergarten Doors (being re-examined)

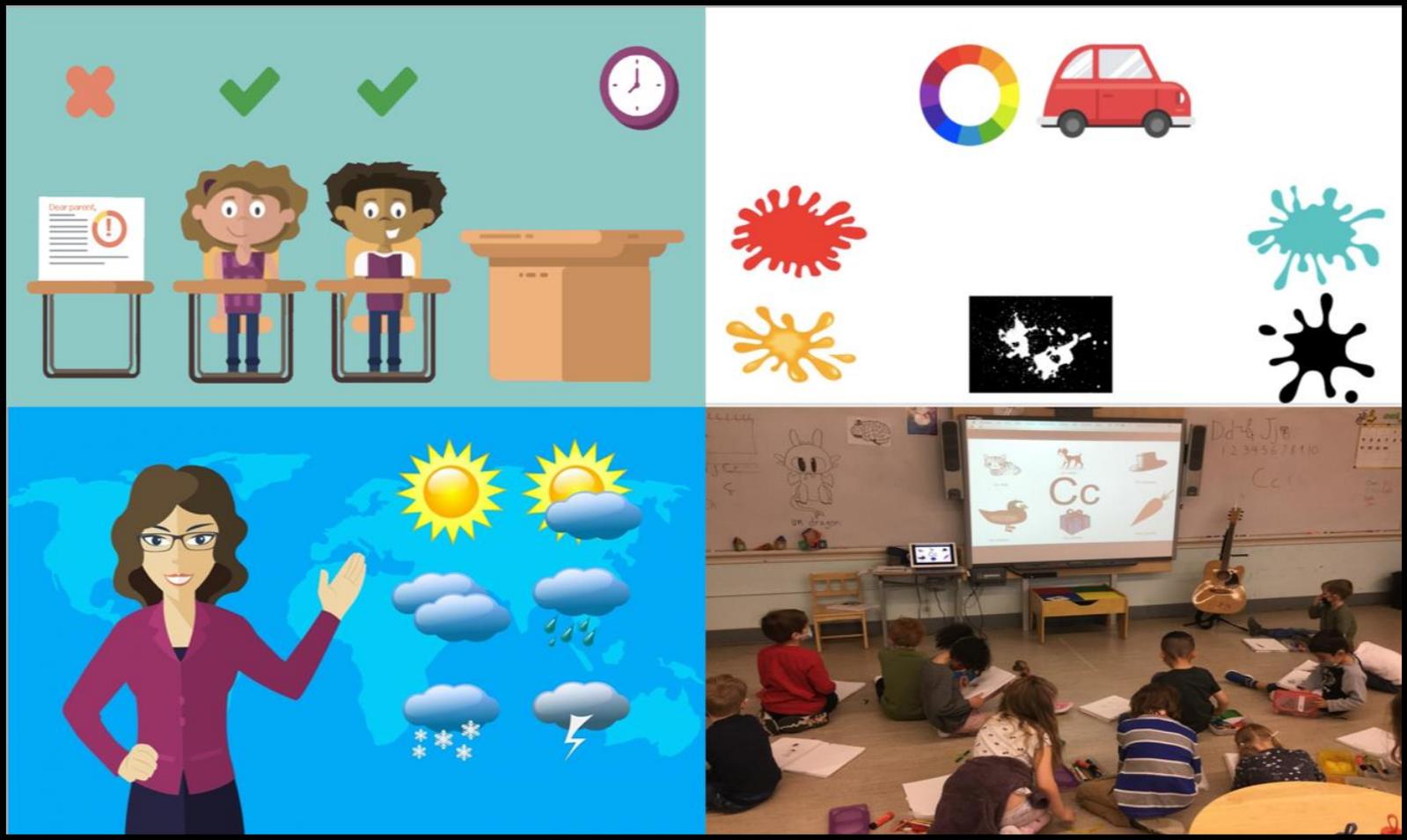


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# Kindergarten at a Glance



# French Language Development



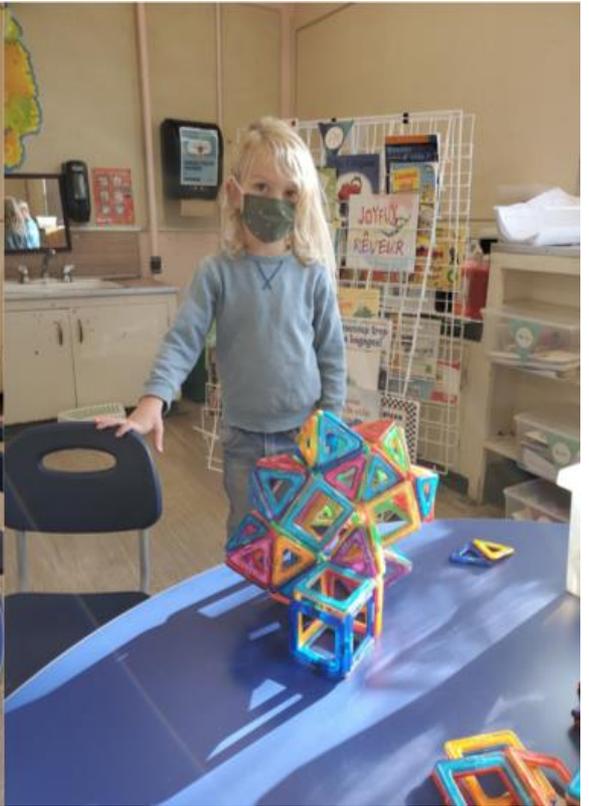
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# Learning through Exploration



# Centre Time: Learning Through Play

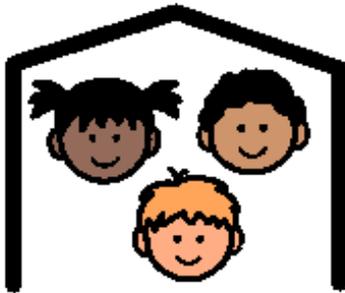


# Parent Volunteers



# Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

- Make sure your child can get dressed to go outside independently, especially during the winter months
- Have your child help out in small ways at home, such as cleaning up after themselves
- Have a set bedtime and morning routine
  - Children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night
- Give them time to eat a nutritious breakfast
- Read to your child every day
- For safety reasons and confidence, children should know their:



- First and Last name
- Age and Birthday
- Telephone number
- Home Address



# Grade One

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# **Grade One: Arrival & Dismissal**

## **Arrival**

- Non-bused students meet teachers at the designated doors with their parent/caregiver
- Bused students are met by the bus supervisor in the morning at the designated school bus zone

## **Dismissal**

- Non-bused students meet their parent/caregiver at the designated doors
- Bused students meet the bus supervisor in the afternoon at the designated school bus zone

# Grade One Doors



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# Daily Routines

Arrival + Attendance

Calendar

Learning Activity

Snack Time

Recess

Learning Activity

Lunch Time

Recess

Learning Activity

Movement Break

Dismissal

Physical Education

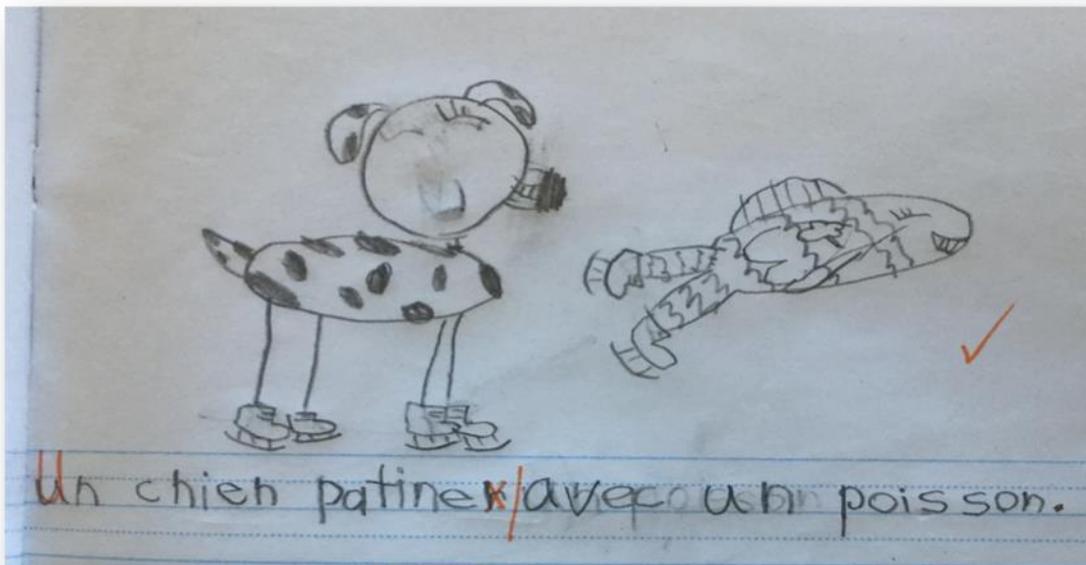
Library

Music

# Grade One: Learning Experiences



# Language Development & Proficiency



## Oral Language

- listening
- speaking

## Reading

- ABCs
- simple sounds
- blending
- phonemes



## Writing

# Grade and Whole School Events



# Thank You!

## Questions?

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