

# Le Monde de 4 M



**September 6, 2017**  
**École Westhaven School**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, time goes by quickly and we find ourselves knocking on September's door. It opens and a new school year begins!

## **Bienvenue, Welcome!**

I would like you to be aware of how this year has been planned with regard to the courses that the children will be taught. For Grade 4, Mr. Muamba will be the teacher for Science and Social Studies, and I will teach everything else. While Mr. Muamba is teaching the Grade 4, I will be teaching English Language Arts to Grade 4/5. Please come by during our **MEET THE TEACHER** evening on September 7, from 5:30 – 7:00pm to find out more.

During the month of September, we will be practicing class routines, getting to know each other and going through a large amount of testing. These tests will provide me with a baseline for each child which, in turn, allows me to monitor individual progress and identify areas of need. My goal for this year is to promote growth in all areas and to do this with a good dose of humour and creativity! I hope to have collaboration between home and school so that the children can succeed.

Come by and peek in any time if you have a chance. No appointments necessary! 😊

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## Reading Program

The children will write down their reading minutes in the agenda. Every day, they should put down how long they've read and get it signed. You will see "J'AI LU" in their agenda which means "I READ". My reasoning is that the agendas mostly go back and forth between school and home whereas the Reading Logs would often be forgotten, lost, misplaced etc...This way, everything is nicely organized. (I tell the children, *ad nauseum*, that a key word in this classroom is "ORGANIZATION" and that they may get tired of hearing me say this!) Please have the children read one book in French, then when they are done, the next one in English and so on.

## Homework:

### English Spelling:

Homework will consist of an English spelling list as well as an activity sheet. The sheets will be due on the day of the test. (Ex: English sheets passed out on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> will be due on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.) I will send you words for approximately 4 weeks at a time. The test will always be on Tuesday. Spelling tests will start on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and the sheets will be handed out this month on WEDNESDAY, Sept.13.

### French Spelling:

The students will get words for the beginning, then they will be getting short paragraphs and eventually, the paragraphs will be longer. I do a lot of grammar teaching this way. If they find the spelling much too difficult, I will then give them the Grade 3 words, no problem.

Please give the spelling a chance before saying that it is too hard. Words will be handed out on Sept. 14 and tests will start on Sept.21.

The tests will always be on Thursdays. If there is a change due to scheduling, I will let you know.

### Math:

The children will have Math packets to complete at school. However, if they aren't finished on time, these will be sent home.

I will also ask that the children practice their addition, subtraction and multiplication tables at home. Division will be done towards spring.

## Agenda

The agenda will be used to note homework assignments, special events, reading minutes and teacher/parent communiqués. Please sign it daily.

Also, please always check for notes, forms, tests to be signed etc. as the children don't always remember to show these.

## Library

Wednesdays

## Newsletter/Notes

Our newsletter is called “Le Monde”. It will be posted on my Teacher Page on the Westhaven website at the beginning of each month. If you wish, you can also receive a paper copy. There will be additional notes sent home as the need arises.

## September

### Language Arts, French and English

- Reading evaluations; library starts and books to be chosen at child’s reading level.
- Baseline narrative story
- Reading response/Journal writing
- Grammar activities
- Spelling evaluations; tests start according to level

### Math:

- Numbers to 10 000
- Addition/Subtraction (review); Mad minutes
- Exercises

### *September dates:*

7: *Meet the teacher 17h30 – 19h00*

19: *Photos*

21: *Walkathon – Time to be announced*

### Concerns

**If you have any concerns about your child and would like to discuss it, feel free to phone me at 723-3397 to talk or to make an appointment with me after school hours.**

**Merci beaucoup,**

**Madame Barbara Mazur**

September 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to inform you of our classroom management plan, the bathroom policy as well as the Scholastic book order method.

**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

A. Classroom rules:

1. Listen and follow directions.
2. Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.
3. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
4. Respect your classmates and your teacher.

B. Consequences for broken rules:

1. Warning
2. In-class time –out
3. Letter home/In-class time-out

A warning is just that – name is written on the board.

The in-class time-out is having the student sit at a separate desk for a while, till they are ready to return. It is not a punishment but a symbolic separation as well as a time for reflection.

The letter home is to inform you of what rules were broken. This letter must be signed by you. The student remains at the time-out desk for the following day. For the student to go back to his/her desk, the signed letter must be returned

**BATHROOM POLICY:**

The children may go to the bathroom before class, during recess, right after recess, during and right after lunch. Otherwise, my answer to “May I go to the bathroom ?” is NO.

**However**, there is a loophole. If the student must go, he/she has to stand in my line of vision, do 5 jumping jacks, and then go to the bathroom. When he/she returns, the student must go back to the desk and quietly ask a neighbor if anything was missed. All of this is done quietly, no one talks to the person going to the bathroom. It is just a routine, period.

## Sample Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

\_\_\_(child's name)\_\_\_ broke the following rules today \_\_\_(date)\_\_\_ :

\_\_\_Listen and follow directions.

\_\_\_Raise your hand before speaking or leaving your seat.

\_\_\_Keep hands and feet to yourself.

\_\_\_Respect your classmates and your teacher.

Classroom rules must be followed in order to protect the rights of every student to learn and enjoy school. By choosing not to follow them, your child interfered with those rights.

Therefore, tomorrow he/she will spend the entire school day in an in-class time-out.

Please sign your name at the bottom of this letter and have your child return it to me tomorrow.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Madame Mazur

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Note: Your son/daughter will stay in an extended time-out until the letter is returned.

**SCHOLASTIC:**

For Scholastic book orders, please pay by CHEQUE. September's Scholastic order sheet will be due on Sept.15<sup>th</sup>. It will be followed quickly by the one for October. October's order will be due for the end of September / beginning of October. After that, November's order will be due at the end of October, December at the end of November and so on. You will be advised of the dates in the children's agendas.

Scholastic Book Orders were passed out today, Sept. 6, 2016.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding the classroom management plan, the bathroom policy or the Scholastic book orders, please call me at 780 723 3397. We will also have a "Meet the teacher" night on Thursday, Sept 7, from 5:30pm – 7pm, so please come by to say HI and get any clarifications if needed.

Thank you very much for your cooperation,

Madame B.Mazur

