

MRS. MILLS KNAPP'S CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome ... Who is Mrs. Mills Knapp?



Welcome to Grade 7&8 and a new school year! I am Mrs. Hailey Mills Knapp and I will be your child's teachers this year.

This is my 7th year teaching at Codrington, which makes me fortunate enough to know most of you. If you are new, welcome, and I look forward to getting to know you!

Having recently spent a year at home with my new daughter, Sophia, I am very aware of how important your children are to you and, now that they are "my students" as well, they are equally important to me. Therefore, to set your minds at ease, here is a little bit more about myself:

My philosophy of education is fairly simple. I strive to include everyone and show appreciation for everything, both big and small. I expect a lot from my students and, in return, give a lot. I truly believe that if you set the bar high, children will not only reach it, but surpass it. Mutual respect and appreciation are key traits that are emphasized and practiced daily in class.

As I mentioned before, this is my 7th year at Codrington and I am

thrilled to be back. I just enjoyed a wonderful year with my baby and am ready to be back in the school in this intermediate setting. I have enjoyed spending my summers volunteering overseas with Mr. Knapp, but right now we are pretty content to enjoy any time we have at home as a family.

My overseas volunteer and educational experiences have inspired me to incorporate the concept of social justice into my classroom while guiding my students towards becoming better global citizens.

I look forward to working with each of your children in many different academic and extra-curricular capacities. I know our time together will be great and that it's going to be a fun and busy year for all!

Contact Information

As we work together to instill in each child a sense of confidence, self-esteem, and responsibility, it is my hope that each will strive for his or her highest potential. If, at any time during the year, you should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as they arise.

You may reach me by telephone at (705) 728-3084, through notes in your child's Agenda, or in person anytime before or after school. It's always best to make an appointment to ensure my availability.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation!

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Important Dates / Upcoming Events

- **PA Day (NO SCHOOL):**
September 26, 2014
- **Thanksgiving Holiday (NO SCHOOL):**
October 13, 2014
- **PA Day (NO SCHOOL):**
October 27, 2014
- **PA Day (NO SCHOOL):**
November 14, 2014

D.P.A.

Along with our scheduled Physical Education periods, we will be participating in 20 minutes of Daily Physical Activity. As you do for recess, please ensure that your child comes prepared with appropriate outdoor clothing so we have the option to do our D.P.A. outside :)



Agendas ... Webpage ... Homework



“LEARNING IS A
TREASURE THAT
WILL FOLLOW ITS
OWNER
EVERYWHERE.”

~CHINESE
PROVERB

The grade 7's and 8's will be using Agendas this year to help learn time management and organizational skills. These are both essential for success during a student's high school years. While it is a difficult skill for students to develop, but it can be done! Students will be required to record important reminders, dates, etc. Please check your child's Agenda each day..

While I plan on using the Agenda's as an organizational tool, I have also created a webpage for our class. This can be

found through our school's webpage, or simply at: www.mrsmillsknappsclass.yolasite.com

Please bookmark this page and check it regularly to stay informed and involved in our school year. There will be all sorts of posts and you can find information about assignments and school events. Please refer to the Classroom News section for information about specific subjects. Much of the students' work will be listed there, along with due dates and guidelines (which will also be highlighted on the

monthly calendar). There is also a section where you will find newsletters, calendars and schedules. It is my hope to go more and more "paperless" throughout this year. This is a huge first step for me, and I must admit I am very excited about it!

The expectation for homework in my grade 7&8 classroom is any assigned work and an individually agreed upon amount of time of reading a night. You can help your child with their homework by providing a regular time and quiet place.

Curriculum

Math - We will be beginning the term with an exploration of Number Sense & Numeration. Students will work to represent, compare, and order equivalent representations of numbers including those involving positive exponents (Gr. 8).

Language - The First 20 Days will begin our Literacy Program for this year. Its purpose is to help establish clear routines surrounding

Independent reading, which will be the foundation of our reading program.

History, Geography, Science and Health will be delivered in Rotary. This allows students to travel with their grade group to each of the subjects once a week. I will be teaching grade 7 and 8 Science. Science classes in grade 8 will teach your child about Cells, Systems in Action, Fluids, and Water Sys-

tems. In grade 7, students will learn about Interactions in the Environment, Form and Function, Pure Substances and Mixtures, and Heat in the Environment.

As much as is possible, we will be keeping the students in their grade groups. Mr. Casselman will teach grade 7 math, and grade 7&8 gym, and I will teach grade 8 math, and grade 7&8 music and dance.



Classroom Supplies

Along with a lunch bag, backpack, indoor shoes, gym clothes, memory stick (optional), calculator, pens, etc., and refillable water bottle, I would appreciate it if your child would bring the

following supplies to share:

- Two boxes of tissues
- One roll of paper towel
- Disinfecting wipes

Binders will not be necessary

~If you have expertise in a specific field, an unusual hobby, or have a different culture that you would like to share, please let me know. I would be happy to visit with you about the possibility of your sharing with our class.~