



January 7, 2020

Happy New Year!

It is great to see the smiling faces of our students back at school. We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. January brings some new and returning faces to Willway. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Orchard back to her grade 1 and 2 room (division 6). She is returning from maternity leave three days a week. Willway is also fortunate to welcome Jaime McFarland to our team as our Student Engagement Facilitator. She will work with small groups from a variety of classrooms every morning at our school. Supporting social thinking and emotional regulation will be the focus of Jaime's work here at Willway.

January is a time to reflect and start new tasks and challenges. Many classrooms will be starting new units and activities. We have a couple of whole school performances coming up and of course our annual literacy week is on the horizon.

It is also a time for rain! Please remember to send students with  rainboots, rain jackets  and umbrellas. A change of clothes (especially socks) is also important to keep at school.



We are west-coasters and head outside to play in all weather.

We are looking for some donations to help us out and could use your help. If you have any extras or spares of the following items, we would really appreciate you sending them in to the office:

- Small to medium Christmas gift bags to tuck away for next year's Christmas Shoppe
- Gently used sweatpants and rainboots for our spare clothing drawer (mostly for 5-8 year olds)
- Board games that have all the pieces and are age appropriate (our peer helpers are eager to lead board game groups)

The first couple of days back have been great. Let's keep up the positive momentum! As always, feel free to contact us if you need help or have any concerns. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laidlaw and Ms. Henson