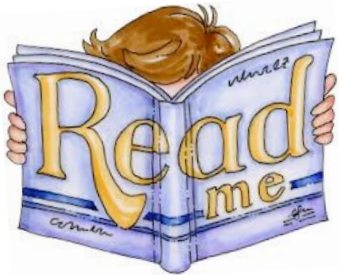


# English

# Grade 7

Teacher: Karen Wiggins

We will begin our year with a review of the 6+1 Writing Traits and Reading strategies. Our major focus will be writing and emphasis will be placed on proper format, correct spelling and grammar, use of figurative language, and editing. A variety of projects/assignments (research project, poetry, 5 paragraph essay, advertising commercial) will provide students with many opportunities to write. A Library period (once per week) has been scheduled which gives students an opportunity to exchange books, have personal reading time, and opportunities for quiet group work and research. Media Literacy will be taught using many different types of materials, including print media, radio broadcasts, and web-based media and focus on learning to think critically about the way information is being exchanged rapidly and globally. TUSC (Totally Unbelievable Speaking Club) will be a unique opportunity for students to expand and improve their oral speaking in a variety of roles each week (September - June).



Students will be asked to think critically about what they read, hear and watch. We will use quotes, values, current events, and personal experiences to reinforce many of our Language skills. We will be using technology regularly which will include opportunities to create commercials, movies using the green screen, "how to videos", and maybe even a podcast!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (613 836-1312) or by email ([karen.wiggins@ocdsb.ca](mailto:karen.wiggins@ocdsb.ca)).

Here's to a great year!



It is important that students learn to think critically about what they read, hear, and watch!

STEAM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) will be integrated throughout the year and work will be completed in the Library Maker Space.



# Math

Keep trying different ways to solve a problem. We learn a great deal from our mistakes and feel good when we have persevered to find the answer!

# Instrumental Music

Teacher: Karen Wiggins

We will focus on creating, presenting, reflecting, responding, analyzing, exploring, and experiencing many forms of music through playing a band instrument. We will begin by learning about our instrument and reviewing basic musical notation. We will continue to improve (with practice) our performance skills as well as learning about different periods and genres of music. We will discuss how music conveys meaning and emotion and continue to improve how we respond and communicate our understanding.

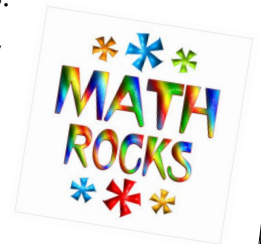
Most of all we will have fun learning something new and giving both sides of our brain a good workout!

Teacher: Karen Wiggins

We will be using the Nelson Math 7 textbook during some of our units. I will also be supplementing with other materials that I have found or developed to enhance the Math curriculum. A major focus will be on problem solving, proportional reasoning, and continuing to create a growth mindset in Math.

We will begin our year with a reflective task, review of some key grade 6 concepts and then move to Number Sense and Numeration (factors, exponents, square roots). We will continue with fractions and decimals and then move on to Data Management, Measurement, and Geometry prior to the end of first term. Throughout the year I will be encouraging students to use higher order thinking, take risks, and set personal goals to improve their own mathematical skills. We will use a variety of instructional tools including: iPads, Chromebooks, playing cards, games, and manipulatives.

My main goals are to teach the curriculum by making learning Math relevant to their life, challenging, and fun.



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