

Dear Kindergarten and Grade 1 Parents,

Welcome to a new and unique school year!



My name is Nora Ibrahim and I have been working at Acadecap Int School since 2009! Working in the early years has been my passion and I look forward to meeting new faces and seeing old friends! I hope you and your child enjoyed the summer and that you are ready to begin the school year! The early years are an incredibly important stage in every child's life, a time in which they will develop socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Your involvement, interest, and enthusiasm will help make this a wonderful year of growth for you and your child.

How can you be involved?

Stay up to date regarding our current Unit of inquiry. Engage your child in discussion at home around the topic we are studying. This will help them reinforce what they are learning at school and can also lead the students to go further into a topic. Below is the timeline of our units for your reference. More unit information as well as curriculum information will be available in the next newsletter as well as online on our class Padlet.

How can you support the routines?

- Please make sure your child has the appropriate PPE.
- Please make sure all your child's items are labelled.
- Please make sure your child has all the items that were listed in the Back to School items email from info@acadecap.org.

- Please make sure your child is dressed in their school uniform and has a pair of black indoor shoes and a pair of outdoor shoes.
- Check that your child has the appropriate gear for the changing weather.
- Post a copy of the class schedule on your fridge and reference it. Children like to know what is going on and what to expect!
- Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle. If you are providing a snack for your child, please make sure the containers are labelled as well.
- Check your email for updates as this is my primary method of communication.

Meet the Kindergarten Specialists!

Mme Nicole and Mme Melissa will be teaching the English class, including a performing arts component.



“Hello everyone! My name is Madame Nicole and I will be teaching you English this year! I am originally from cottage country on Lake Huron and moved to Ottawa eight years ago with my husband. My university education entails a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree and a Bachelor of Education degree. I have been teaching at Acadecap for the past year in various roles: librarian, resource, English, visual art teacher and after school supervisor. We are going to have so much fun this year learning English together. I look forward to seeing all of you on our first day of school!”

Mme Cecilia will be teaching Art class and PSPE class (Personal, Social and Physical Education).



“Hola, mi nombre es Cecilia Ruvalcaba and I am glad to be your child’s Spanish, Art, and Physical Education teacher. I've been the Spanish, Art and Physical Education teacher at Académie de la Capital since 2015. Teaching is something very special to me, that's why I studied Pedagogy and completed a Master in Family Education. I’ve always loved working with children of all ages, their energy, enthusiasm and curiosity are inspiring. Teaching Spanish has been great, sharing the love for my language and culture has become my passion. In Art, it is amazing how creative my students are. Art is everywhere, it opens our heart and senses and allows us to see and enjoy things in a different way. And finally, Physical Education allows them to understand how to be active, exercise and how eating healthy has a positive impact on our day to day activities. *"A healthy mind in a healthy body"* I’m super happy to teach these subjects which enrich and complement every child's life. ¡Nos vemos en clases!”

Communication

Communication between home and school is very important. For fast and easy communication, please use email. Your child will receive three report cards this school year, two of which will be followed by a parent teacher conference where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and development. Meeting format is yet to be determined.

Our class has a blog and a Padlet dashboard. On our blog, you will find pictures, class activities, updates and our class and school schedules. Padlet will be used for sharing unit related learning as well as math and English class work. Next week, you will receive a link for Padlet. You can find our class blog at mmenoraacadecap.weebly.com. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Nora Ibrahim

Our first Unit of Inquiry of the school year.

Transdisciplinary Theme: Where we are in place and time

An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.

Central idea: Documenting family history allows us to reflect on who we are and where we've come from.

Key concepts: causation, change, responsibility

Related concepts: development (growth), family

Lines of inquiry

- concept of family
- ways of documenting family history
- personal change from birth to present: self and family

Subject Focus: Social Studies (History, Society), PSPE (Personal, Social, Physical Education)