

Bienvenue les jeunes!

I'm Tom Bailey-Robertson (students call me Monsieur B.) and I am thrilled to be your grade 3/4 classroom teacher. Just like you, I used to be a student in French Immersion. It's rewarding to learn new languages, but it is also very challenging. We are brave to try things that are hard to do!

I am eager to see how much our grade 4 students have grown. You will be leaders in learning as we welcome our incoming grade 3 students. All of you have put so much effort into learning how to read and write in French and English and how to think with numbers. We like to play games that help us learn and have fun together.

In my family, my partner, Talia, and I have four children. They are 1, 8, 11, and 13 years of age. I have been at home watching Thomas Jr. (TJ) grow. It's amazing to see how much he changes. One day, he started crawling and now he gets into everything! He also knows a bit of sign language—we taught him how to ask for more food. If TJ can learn all this in his first year, imagine how much you will be able to do by the end of the year.

During the summer, we like to go camping at provincial parks in Manitoba. My favourite way to get around is on my bike, but I also like to fix up old trucks. Seeing how rusty and run down things get reminds me how important it is to take care of our things and each other.

Sometimes I make a mistake and have to redo some steps. Has that ever happened to you? In my class, we cheer for our friends when they make mistakes. A mistake is a chance to learn something new. If we're not making mistakes, we're not taking on big enough challenges. See you in September!

