



more than 230 students and 60 teachers. About two-thirds of the students, most of whom come from eastern and Northern Ontario, live in residence at the school. Classes range from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Guy Buller, coordinator of resources services, says that to be a teacher at the school, one has to have a specialist certificate in deaf education in addition to the regular teaching certificate. The extra training usually takes one year.

Grade 1 teacher Pat Riley says that teaching children with a hearing handicap is "more frustrating as well as rewarding. You have to be organized. Kids have to watch you all the time in order to learn."

According to Melodie Aubrey of the Canadian Hearing Society, Kingston Branch, about 10 per cent of our population has a hearing handicap. One out of 1,500 babies has a hearing problem. By the age of five, four per cent of children suffer from some degree of deafness. □

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with teacher Pat Riley