



PRE-PRIMARY & PLAYSCHOOL

19 January 2012

Dear Parents,

Walking through the Playschool and the Preschool in the morning gives one a sense of calm as well as active learning taking place. Most of our children have settled down very well and are enthusiastic to begin their day. We still have a few moms and dads who have not adjusted as well as their children. We have noticed moms sitting in the carpark drying their eyes.

Some children are a little more reluctant to part from mom and some are not always happy to come to school. Please rest assured that every teacher is an educated and highly trained professional. We have your child's well-being at heart and will not leave a child in distress. If your child has not settled within 10 – 20 minutes we will give mom/dad a phonecall to discuss the best way forward.

Please drop your child in the morning with a hug, a kiss and a promise to see them in the afternoon. Do not wait around in the classroom. The sooner mom leaves, the sooner the child stops crying and the sooner the teacher can distract and help your child busy themselves with educational activities.

Late comers in the morning

The Preschool is preparation for Primary School. All children are expected to be at school by 08h00 every morning. Our school programme starts at 08h00 and if your child is late, they miss out on the fine motor activities as well as the socialization opportunities of the morning. Please do not make dentist /doctor or therapist appointments in the morning. All work covered at school is important and establishing a good work ethic as well as consistent attendance starts in the Preschool.

No child is allowed to leave school early for swimming/dancing lessons unless they have been given permission from the Principal. Sleep/rest and storytime form part of our curriculum and need to be adhered to.

Orientation Evening at the Preschool

All parents are requested to attend our Orientation Evening for the Pre-Primary School which will take place on Tuesday 24 January at 18h00. The evening will begin in the Bylos Music Centre with a short address by the Chairman of our PTA, Neville Marle. All Grade 000's and Grade 00's will go into the child's classroom to meet the teacher. Your child's teacher will discuss the daily programme as well as developmental expectations in her class.

All Grade 0 parents will remain in the Music Centre for a short explanation of the therapy screenings which will take place this term.

If you have two children in the Preschool both mom and dad will have to attend.

A note from our Psychologist

Natalie Palm, our school Psychologist, will make regular contributions to our Newsletter this year. The first one is attached to this Newsletter.

Extra Murals

All Extra Murals will commence in February.

All our Gr. 0's will receive a Drama flier today.

Oscars have also sent out a flier today with all the relevant details.

Karate has commenced. Collect a flier from Gina if you are interested in Karate or Ballet.

Over the course of the next two weeks your children will be exposed to Soccer, Golf and Little Green Fingers demonstrations.

Themes for the week ending 27 January 2012

The theme for the Grade 0's is "Orientation into Gr.0'

The theme for the Grade 00"s is "Me and My Body"

The theme for the Grade 000"s is "My Body"

Themes for the Playschool for the week ending 27 January 2012

The theme for the Toddlers is "Orientation "

The perception for the Toddlers is "Blue"

The theme for the 2 – 3 year olds is "Orientation"

The perception for the 2 -3 year olds is "Blue"

PRE – PRIMARY REMINDERS

➤ **Box of tissues for each term.**

- R26 for Bakers Day.
- Please be punctual in the morning. Doors will close promptly at 08h00.
- When you bring your child to school in the morning please do not linger in the classroom.

The sooner you say goodbye, the quicker your child will settle and enjoy his/her day.

- Your child will require a library bag for library ring. They are available from Gina at a cost of R40. Your child will not be allowed to take out a library book for home if they do not have a library bag or have any books outstanding.
- SAHETI Pre-Primary School t-shirts are also available from Gina at R70 each. It is compulsory for the children to wear the t-shirts on every outing.
- Sun hats are on sale for R75.
- Recipe books with delicious recipes are on sale at a cost of R120.

PLAYSCHOOL REMINDERS

➤ **Parents please don't forget to send a box of tissues, nappies, baby wipes and barrier cream for your children.**

- Please pack a change of clothing for your children.
- Bakers Day takes place every Friday at a cost of R26 for this term. Please hand this to your child's teacher. The Bakers Day money collected will be utilized to purchase construction toys.
- Recipe books with delicious recipes are on sale at a cost of R120.

Account number for Aftercare

Please note new account number for all transactions for Aftercare:

Standard Bank Alberton

Acc no : 020654138

Branch no. 012342

Name : SAHETI School

Ref : Name of family and Aftercare.

Terri Ohannessian
Principal

SAHETI Pre-Primary/Playschool

From the Psychologist: Optimizing Your Child's Development

Parents want their children to do well at school and grow to be 'successful' adults. What is often missed though is the importance of children's emotional development. Young children need to learn the emotional basics so that they can begin to form happy, healthy relationships at home and school. Successful relationships are as important as learning information in helping children approach tasks like reading and problem-solving with confidence.

During the first 4 years of life, children develop the foundation for their ability to form relationships and control their emotions. Between birth and age 4, children gradually develop a basic sense of who they are. For this development to occur in a positive way, children need to have experiences that teach them they can handle their own emotions, enjoy their environment, and communicate successfully with people they love.

Stages of Emotional Development: Birth to 4 Years

Age	Stage	What Parents Can Do
0 to 3 months	Self-regulation, Self-Interest, & Interest in the world	Spend special, loving time with your child. Respond in a predictable, sensible manner to your infant's preferred style of expressing feelings.
3 to 7 months	'Falling in love'- forming the first relationship	Respond to your baby's overtures. Show your affection & joy during the interaction. Allow your baby to take breaks, but encourage baby to interact with you for increasingly longer periods of time.
4 to 10 months	Communicating with a purpose	Respond to baby's emotional communication. Try your best to meet your baby's emotional needs. Smile back when your baby smiles, speak soothingly when baby fusses, and comfort your child when they are upset.
9 to 18 months	Developing a complex sense of self	Show interest in your child's emerging personality. Try to accommodate baby's preferences. Give praise for independent accomplishments while encouraging your child to go further.
18 to 30 months	Emotional ideas	Show interest in your child's ideas. Participate in pretend play with interest & excitement.
30 to 48 months	Emotional thinking	Comment on & support emotional themes in your child's pretend play. Help your child work through emotional struggles by giving support & encouragement. Show enthusiasm when your child uses his or her imagination.