

Prep Update

Friday, 17th March, 2017

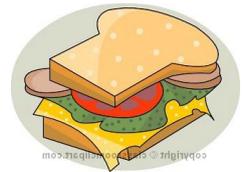
Dear Prep Parents,

It has been wonderful to see that a lot of our children are feeling confident enough to say “goodbye” at the front of the school in the morning and walk up to the dots by themselves. It really shows how much your children have already developed their independence this year! We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into the routine of school and it has been great to share Wednesdays with them.

Below are some reminders that will be useful over the next couple of weeks:

YARD PLAY AREAS: The Prep children now have an increased area in which they can play at recess and lunchtime. The students are allowed to play in the Prep play area, under the shade sails towards the Prep Dots, the ‘Passive Play’ area between the two halls and around the canteen and rotunda. This will give the students more area to “spread their wings.”

LUNCH ORDERS: Some children have already taken advantage of the yummy lunches available from the canteen or bought themselves a treat at recess or lunchtime.



Please note: If you give your child money for a canteen treat please make sure that you talk to them about “sharing” their food (or money) with other students. We do not encourage the children to buy “treats” for their friends as it can cause unnecessary friction between students. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

A reminder that Tuesday is Nude Food Day.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY PICK UP: It is a legal requirement that you sign your child in at the front office if you arrive late at school (after 8:50am) or need to pick your child up early from class. We receive a copy of your late arrival/early leave pass and are required to keep these on our records.

IN THE CLASSROOM: We are sure that you all enjoyed our “At School” book that the children wrote and illustrated to share with you at home. Our new wall story that will come to life in a book is going to be all about “My Family”. There is no better topic to talk about than themselves and their families. We will complete a series of activities in connection to the wall story to assist in their understanding of their sentences.

We will be running social rotation activities over the next two weeks. This will give the children an opportunity to complete a series of activities, role-plays and games to reinforce our inquiry topic “Safety” and get to know Prep children from other classes. They will complete these activities in their house group and rotate around different Prep classrooms. As part of our maths unit we have been focusing on the number 5 and the children learnt about the Five Finger Rule.

This is a process to follow when dealing with conflict. There are 5 steps to the process:

- 1. Ignore what you don't like is happening.*
- 2. Tell the person to STOP doing what you don't like.*
- 3. Ask them to STOP again LOUDER.*
- 4. Walk away from the situation that is causing you to feel uncomfortable.*
- 5. Tell the teacher about what is happening that you do not like.*



It would be terrific if you could discuss this with your children at home as we will continue to promote this as one way to deal with problems the children may face at school.

We will be spending the rest of this term learning about "Safety". The children will talk about safety at home, at school, on the road, on a bike, while outside the home and those community members who are there to help us feel safe. Hopefully they will all come home with lots of different things to share with you.

In Mathematics we are continuing to work on a variety of concepts including time, shapes, pattern, length, number recognition and writing. Many of our maths activities are based on hands on experience and there is a lot of enjoyment from the children while they learn.

We are completing a series of activities to consolidate our English concepts. The children will continue to practice their Golden Words, the alphabet including letter combinations that make sounds, handwriting, story writing, our wall story sentences and looking at a variety of language concepts when completing our daily letter. Letters we will be focusing on are Bb, Ff and Ee.

SPECIAL VISIT TO THE PREP CLASSROOMS: *Please keep Thursday, 30th March between 2.30pm and 3.15pm free to visit your child's classroom. All extended family are welcome to attend this special afternoon. We will send home more information shortly.*

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback please contact your classroom teacher. Thank you for all the support you have offered to enable your child to have a great start to primary school.

THE PREP TEACHERS.

