

Grade 3 Information evening

Rules

- We use the Curro merit system to encourage positive behaviour.
- Students receive positive merits for positive behaviour and contributions and demerits for negative behaviour.
- All students start with 0 points.
- They will be rewarded with different coloured badges according to their merits.
- In grades 1-3, we use a good-behaviour sticker board to let learners understand the system better. Each label is worth 5 points. Students are rewarded for good behaviour.
- Classroom Management: The teacher treats every child with respect and expects the same back. We learn a new rule on a continuous basis eg "Only a child / person speaks at a time" or "If we are on the mat, we talk, but at the tables we work quietly and whisper."

4. Uniform

- Hats are **COMPULSORY!** Students must wear their hats when they go outside as well as on excursions. The following rule will apply from 1 February: **NO HATS, NO PLAY.**
- All clothing must be marked especially. Educators will only assume responsibility and look for labelled garments.
- PE clothes must be worn on specific PT days Tuesday and Thursday.
- Winter and summer uniform may not be mixed.

5. Stationery

- Please mark all stationery and return on Monday 16 January. All inventory is taken and held in the teacher's store until needed.
- All workbooks will be covered at school. Kindly cover all textbooks send home with plastic cover and a label with your child's name and grade.

6. Break time

- Try to pack healthy foods for your child. During 1st break only food will be sold at the tuck shop and sweets will be sold during 2nd break.
- Grade 3 learners can buy sweets from the tuck shop on Fridays only. Please send Tuck money in a purse. Curro wallets can be worn around his / her neck.
- Birthdays: Send only "cupcakes".

7. Academic

- Home Language - CAPS based (Curro also uses an enriched curriculum) - Addendum to the curriculum.
- Mathematics - A growing Curro curriculum is also based on CAPS.
- Life Skills - CAPS
- First Additional Language- CAPS

- CAT and Robotics - CAT will take place throughout the year by Ms. Veda Ferreira

Each subject will have its own book:

English, Afrikaans, Maths, Lifeskills, Creative writing, Assessment, Carpet book, Tweet book

Homework

- Homework and reading (English and Afrikaans) must be done daily, except on Fridays.
- Kindly ensure that your child completes their homework correctly as educators will only check that the homework was completed.
- Please listen to your child read and sign the reading logs. Book reports must be completed after a book has been read.
- We use the Brombacher books / Number sense. There are 4 to be completed in Grade 3.
- The purpose of Brombacher books are to encourage problem solving by students and form critical thinking.
- Initially concepts are practised on the mat with the learners. Thereafter learners work at their own pace in these booklets for about 20 minutes.
- The teacher will "highlight" the errors made by learners and allow learners to correct the next day.

8. Athletics

- Learners must wear PT clothes on Thursday and Friday.
- The learners have received an indication in their homework books to inform them of their "house colour." Learners need to wear a T-shirt in the abovementioned colour on Saturday with their PE shorts. All students have to be at school at 07:30
- Students have been divided into Sport House Colours according to their surnames.

A-D Eland, Yellow

E-K Kudu, Blue

L-S Springbok, Green

T-Z Waterbok, Red

All students run the 60m and 80m.

9. Assessment

- Continuous Assessment takes place in the Foundation Phase.
- The parents are provided with the Annual Assessment Plan. Kindly ensure that you sign on the register to acknowledge receipt of the AP.

- Students should not be kept at home unnecessarily because some assessments cannot be redone!
- There has been a tendency among parents to keep students at home on Fridays and Mondays. On Mondays especially, new concepts are introduced.
- No marks will be indicated on tasks in 2017. Everything is recorded on rubrics.

10. Sports

- Physical Education will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Learners therefore come on those days in their PE clothes, Curro socks and white sneakers to school. They should always carry their hats on these days. .

Term 1 Athletics, netball and rugby

Term 2 Mini netball and rugby

Term 3 Mini-cricket, mini-hockey and mini-tennis

- An extra-mural timetable will be provided to parents, with other activities offered to learners. 1 sport 1 culture

11. After care and Homework

- Students can be dropped off at the school from 6:30 and fetch at 18:00 in the aftercare.
- The students who are in the aftercare, must get an extra set of crayons and have pencils in their suitcases for homework. Their class stationery remains in class.
- After care learners do homework at the after care, but homework is still the parents' responsibility. Therefore review homework every day so that it is properly understood. Please sign the homework book. Also concentrate on neatness and letter formation.
- Inform the teacher if your child could not do homework because of circumstances.

12. Safety

- The school bell rings at 07:30 and the Foundation Phase gate is then closed. If parents are late, they must enter through the main gate and sign learners in there. Learners must also be signed out if they are fetched during school hours at the main reception.
- Waiting class is from 13:30 to 14:00 in the waiting area and there is a teacher present for supervision.

13. Reports

Reports and books are sent home on March 28. Please sign all books as well as the assessment file.

14. Parent afternoon and evening

Individual appointments are made by the Foundation Phase office in different time slots for 29 March. This event is compulsory for parents in the first term.

15. MyHub

No cash will be accepted at Curro. All fees are paid per term on MyHub. Our first outing is on 10 March 2016. In Terms 1 and 3, we go on outings and terms 2 and 4 we have shows at the school.

There are two events this term: Valentine's Day on 17 February and Sci Bono outing. These two will be paid together with a total of R180.

Newsletters and tweets

Please sign

16. Class Representatives / Whatsapp group

Each class must have a class representative to help with communication in class. The class representative must be elected and a whatsapp group founded by the parents.

The teacher is not on this whatsapp group, because it's against Curro policy. The purpose of the group is to spread information quickly to parents. I urge parents to be professional, respectful and to have a positive attitude towards all parties on the group. If there are any problems with other parent / educator - discuss them directly and not through a whatsapp group!

Any voluntary person to assist us in this regard.

If a parent does not want his / her phone number shared with other parents, he / she must be indicated on the class list for the teacher.

NB: No parent should contact a teacher after 18:00 in the evening or before 06:00 unless there is a crisis! Educators also have families and are entitled to their private time.

17. Achievements outside school

All performances (not participating in external activities) must be sent to the Foundation Phase secretary on Thursdays and students will receive recognition the following Monday in the hall.

18. PAC

Communicate via the PAC committee members about positive / negative agendas

19. General

Any questions?

Thank you for attending the meeting.