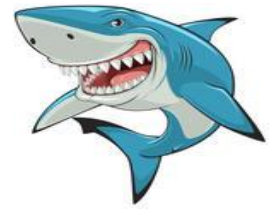


Happenings at the Sharks' School



PRE-SCHOOL CLASS ... Let the Journey begin



Greetings from the bay side of the sharks' cove! What a wonderful first half term we have enjoyed! We would like to welcome all the bright and smiling faces to the Pre-School Class at Provo Primary. We welcome all our new families and those who are returning as well. This year in Preschool we have two members of staff

—
Ms. Myrna (lead teacher) and Miss. Kiki (assistant teacher).

Starting school is an exciting time as children embark on new adventures in the world of learning. Already this term, we have enjoyed lots of fun and engaging activities that have provided play-based opportunities to promote discovery of self and the environment. Learning has taken place not only in the classroom but outdoors as well, at times, with the children playing together with toddlers, JK and K children. We have also been excited to merging inside with the Toddler class on occasion. At these times, the children have been given the option to explore both classrooms, with a variety of activities on offer to enhance development. As you can imagine, the soft play area is particularly popular!

From the teachers desk



During our first weeks, the children have settled in well into their new environment and getting to know their teachers, peers and basic routines. Our first topic has been **“On the Right Track”** which has focussed on the different kinds of transportation the children have been on and how they can relate to it. We have explored the function of each one; how they work; where they can be found; and the sounds they make. Take a look at our topic map and see all the areas of learning we have explored.

Next half term, we look forward to starting our topic on “Colour and Light”. Look out for our topic map at the start of the topic.

Reminders for next half term:



Each day bring **a healthy snack** (and lunch for full day children) in a **lunch kit** (an ice pack will help keep foods fresh) and a big water bottle or two small ones. All snack containers and the water bottle should be easy enough for your child to open (without help or with a little assistance). Please remember to send the proper utensils (fork or spoon) if needed (label with name). This year we would like to focus on recycling so it would help if all food items are placed in appropriate containers for your child to manage. Please ensure that all containers and water jugs are labelled to avoid confusion.



In a **separate bag**, please include sufficient wet wipes; pull ups (at least 3), underwear, other diapering essentials and a change of clothes. Please label your child's personal items. This bag must be kept in your child backpack everyday **even** if he/she is already potty trained.

Wednesday and **Friday** are the days for green field and we would like if your child can come in in proper shoes (closed in shoes) on those days.

Please ensure that you apply **sunscreen** before coming to school and provide **proper sun hat** for daily use.

- Drop off routine: Water bottle in the cooler, lunch kits in blue cubbies by door and back packs or diaper bags on designated hook in the bathroom. **Wash** your child's hands prior to playing. Bring your child outside to play or into soft play (toddler room). Always let your child know when you are leaving.
- Drop off time: **8.10 to 8.30am**; Pick up (half day): **12pm**; (full day): **3pm**. Please avoid using the **telephone** during these time in case there is information to share between parent and teacher.
- To ensure the safety of all children after pick up, please do not allow children to play on playground equipment, bikes, soccer pitch or garden.
- Sickness: if your child is sick, please consider keeping him/her home at least 24 hours after symptoms have subsided. Please informed the office before class time.

Birthdays

Please note that we are unable to hold parties at school, with balloons, party food and party bags. We are, however happy to celebrate children's birthdays at school by singing 'happy birthday'. If you would like to bring in something special to eat or drink on your child's birthday, please tell us a few days beforehand. We ask that these items are mindful of our healthy eating awareness. As we recognise that some parents wish to monitor the food their child may be eating, we ask that you bring a small individually **wrapped item. These will then be distributed and taken home at the end of the school day.** If it is table-ready fruit, then we are happy to share this out during snack. **If you are sending items to school to be shared out, we ask that they do not contain peanuts.**

We would like to thank you for entrusting your child's early education with us. We are partners in the education process and together we can instil a love for learning that will last throughout your child's years of schooling. With that in mind, please feel free to ask any other questions or concerns at the **end of the day or arrange a scheduled time.**

Ms. Myrna and Ms. Kiki