

# TODDLER CLASS NEWS LETTER



Welcome to toddler's world. We may be small, but we accomplish a lot. It was a wonderful first half term getting to know your toddlers. With new children joining along the way, the children have been settling into their new environment well, getting to know their teachers, peers and becoming familiar with basic routines.

In particular, we notice that the children are enjoying playing inside with the toys and in our soft play area and engaging in a variety of table top activities. They love being outdoors, riding bikes, driving the cars, going to green field and most of all water play. I must admit that Mrs. Emma and I have been enjoying it just as much as they have, as we observe them interacting with their environment and each other.

We are pleased that Mrs. Jeannette is back from Maternity leave and will now be joining us every day as part of our Toddler team. Mrs. Yorika will continue to be with us for some time on Tuesday and Thursdays to offer Spanish Immersion Mrs. Claire G. will also pop in on Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday mornings while we have our snack time. How fortunate we are to have such an amazing team of teachers in Toddler Class!

## From the teachers desk



Our first half term topic theme, **"On the right Track"** was a immense success, with the children exploring the many different types of transportations that we see in The Turks and Caicos Islands and the wider world. The child learned about the sounds associated with different transportation, painting and colouring pictures as well as gluing shapes together to form transportation. They especially enjoyed listening to and participating in songs and story time. This half term our topic is **"Celebrations of Colour"** and we look forward to exploring colour in our world through a variety of sensory experiences.



We thank you for bringing in **a selection of 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 water bottle should be easy enough for your child to open themselves (or with a little assistance). Please remember to send the proper utensil (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 labeled to avoid confusion.

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In a **separate bag**, please continue to include sufficient wet wipes; pull ups (at least 3) diapers, other diapering essentials and a change of clothes. Please label your child's personal items. This bag must be kept in your child backpack every day. **Wednesday** and **Friday** are the scheduled days for green field and we would like if your child can come in in proper, 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 peanut

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 instill 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 to meet with me.**

Best wishes,  
Miss Laranda (and Mrs. Emma and Mrs. Jeannette)