

P.E. and Swimming

Children are required to wear their P.E. uniform and hats on P.E. days. On swimming days, children are required to wear their swimsuit and swimming cap and bring their goggles. For ease of swimming development, girls should wear a one piece swimsuit and boys swimsuits should be above the knee. **Children are also reminded to bring a change of clothes (in a separate bag) to change.** Please check the schedule for P.E. and swimming days.

Labeling of personal items

We would urge all families to clearly label their child's personal items including clothes, sports equipment, lunchboxes. etc. In the event your child comes home without his PE clothes, please inform the teachers immediately in order to find them.

Class Essential Agreements

During the first week of school, Grade 2 will be talking about our rights and responsibilities. As a class, we will come up with Essential Agreements on what we believe our rights and responsibilities are in order to have a safe and happy environment for learning.

Snack/Lunch/ Water

Students are advised to bring in healthy snacks and lunch

WATER BOTTLES:

Please feel free to have your child bring a water bottle to class. We prefer the reusable, aluminum water bottles with tight fitting lids (fewer spills). Please encourage your child to bring their water

Specialist Teachers

- ◆ Performing Arts - Ms. Naomi Williams
- ◆ Visual Arts - Ms. Ilayperuma-Florrimell
- ◆ Swimming - Ms. Sue Turner
- ◆ P.E. - Ms. Kelly Fenton
- ◆ French- .Ms. Karine Emeriau
- ◆ Primary Learning Resource team - Ms. Sureshnie, Ms. Shyamie Jayawardena
- ◆ Sinhala- Ms. Dilini De. Silva

Morning Routines

Each morning (except for Wednesday) at 7:25 children will line up in grade levels on the basketball court outside the office for morning assembly and announcements with Mr. Grandbois. Please ensure that your child is in school by 7.30 am the latest. Children miss important information and circle time discussions when they come in late.

Wednesday- short school day- School finishes at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Pickup

Please help us to keep our school a safe environment. We ask that you notify us of the people that will be dropping off and picking up your children, and any changes to usual arrangements. Please keep us informed of any changes. If you regularly car pool or have parents picking up your child, keep the teachers informed of this arrangement as well.

Welcome to **Grade 2**

The Grade 2 Team

Between the Grade 2 team, we have a wealth of local and international experience and we are delighted to be teaching Grade 2.

Communication

Home Folders/ Homeschool Communication:

Your child will bring home daily a homeschool communication book. This needs to be in your child's folder at all times as we place useful information in this diary.

It is also a means of communication for both teachers and parents. Children write little notes or reminders every day, including the name of their home reader. When you get the communication book today, please fill in the parent information page and periodically update your contact information if they are changed. Sometime next week we will place at the back of the communication book, your child's login passwords for IXL / RAZ kids etc. This will be useful when they need to login to these programs when assigned homework.

Please check your child's folder and sign your child's communication book every day.

Permission for Photos

We would like to inform you of your child's learning on our website and class blog. In the Student and Parent Handbook it asks for permission to publish photos. If you do not want to have your child's photos displayed, please let your class teacher and Head of School know.

Homework:

Home work:

Students have a long day at school. Many of them will remain in school for an after-school activity up until 3:45 p.m.. Therefore homework will be minimal and purposeful as we believe that students need time for play and recreation.

Birthdays

Please be aware of the feelings of others when distributing invitations. If you are intending to invite the whole class to a birthday, we will be happy to put the invites in the children's folders. If you intend to invite only a small number, please deliver the invites to the children outside of school so as not to hurt others' feelings. We are happy to celebrate birthdays at school. Please check with us for a suitable time. We prefer finger food such as cupcakes as they are more manageable.

Indoor /Outdoor Shoes:

Students will leave their shoes on a rack outside the classroom for the purpose of keeping the floor and carpet clean. Your child is welcome to bring in indoor shoes to be left in class.

Classroom temperature:

Different students have different tolerance levels and sometimes the A/C could be too cold for your child. Students are advised to bring in a light sweater that could be in their cubby to be used when needed.

Grade 2 Curriculum

The Programme of Inquiry

Our units of inquiry fall under 6 overarching themes:

- WHO WE ARE
- SHARING THE PLANET
- HOW THE WORLD WORKS
- WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME
- HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES
- HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

Mathematics:

- Number and number operation 1-1000
- Shape and Space
- Data Handling and Probability
- Measurement
- Pattern and Function

Language Arts:

- Oral presentations and discussions
- Listening and comprehending
- Reading, literature and appreciation
- Writing for different purposes and audiences
- Punctuation, grammar and spelling
- Awareness of visual media

Reading Expectations:

All students are expected to read an average of 15-20 minutes Monday through Friday. A book for this purpose is sent home daily chosen either by the teacher or child. After your child has read the book, ask him to retell the story and discuss major events of the book. Make this time a happy and enjoyable time. During the second semester as the books get longer, there is no need to rush to finish the book, the important thing is to understand and comprehend the book your child is reading. Even when the book is not finished, we like you to keep the book in the folder and note every day the number of pages your child has read.

Visual Arts, Performing Arts and PE:

Wherever possible authentic links will be made with visual and performing arts as well as PE through our programme of inquiry. Library skills will be linked and taught in our Primary Learning Resource centre.

Playground Policy

At OSC we have a "No hat, no play" policy for outdoor play.

Chrome books:

All students will be provided with a chrome book and mouse. **Parents have to provide their children with ear phones.** This will be kept in their cubby in class and returned at the end of each semester. Please label them. We also advise you not to send in expensive and fancy earphones as they may be a distraction at times to your child.

Toys/ Electronic items

Students are advised to refrain from bringing in expensive toys and electronic gadgets to school unless it is for a show and tell or as a resource for learning. In the event they bring them to school, the student is responsible as we do not want to miss valuable class time looking for lost items.

Grade 2 Parent Helpers

In Grade 2 we encourage all parents to help us support the curriculum. We invite parents who may have expertise in an area we are working on to offer their time and share their knowledge with the class.

Throughout the year we encourage you to offer your services to accompany the children on field trips and special days/ events we have in school.

Field Trips

All field trips support the units of inquiry.