



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Grade R!

We hope you have had an enjoyable festive season with your family. We are looking forward to an exciting year getting to know your child. Our years as educators have taught us that communication between parents and school staff is just as important as the learning process. This is an exciting time as children embark upon new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, as well as one in which acquisition of new skills is accelerated.

We will need your co-operation in order to make your child's transition from home to school successful every day. Please voice your concerns to us as soon as they come up. We will be sure to communicate ours with you. We would also like to know of any changes going on at home, which might affect your child's behaviour. A parent leaving on a business trip, illness, visiting relatives or a nightmare may show up in the classroom as tantrums, tears, excitement or sadness. We can best help your child adjust if we know why he or she is feeling out of sorts. There is so much pressure on parents, that Grade R should be a fun year where a lot of informal learning takes place without having to put extra pressure on parents to "teach" poems, sounds, numbers etc.

Many things will be mentioned verbally to the children, so that they have to remember instructions. Important notices will always be put into writing. The best way to inform us would be a note in your child's bag or a message to the secretary. We urge you not to talk in front of your child or try to speak to us during the morning rush. If you need to speak to us in person, please schedule an appointment either before or after school. This way we can focus on the issue at hand.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. Our partnership will go a long way in sending a positive message to your child. We have taken this opportunity to provide you with some important and helpful information. Please keep it in a convenient location!

Sincerely,

Grade R Educators

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