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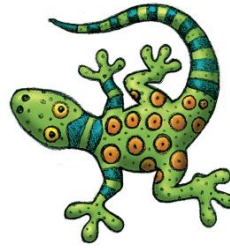
SCHOOL

"OUR BEST ALWAYS"

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NEW ENTRANTS' GUIDANCE BOOKLET





Preparation for school

Have conversations in your home language about:

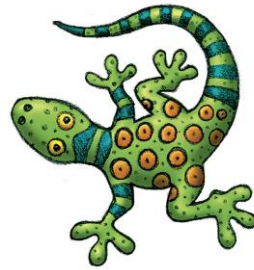
- colours you see around home, on the street at the park
- numbers-counting items around the house, park, street, reading street numbers
- letters-in their names, on street signs etc.

Provide experiences and opportunities for:

- listening, 'reading' and enjoying picture books. Have a few simple rules for reading (for example, not eating when handling books, turning pages carefully).
- using pencils, crayons, paints, dough, and scissors.
- **independently** dressing him/herself, putting on shoes and socks, zipping up zippers
- **independently** peeling fruit, eating lunch

Teach your child:

- how to use a handkerchief or tissue and to cover up a sneeze or a cough.
- how to use and flush the toilet (or urinal) and when and why to wash hands.
- to recognise and say his/her name, address and phone number, and, if possible, how to write and read his/her name (not in capitals).
- the safest way to school and practise this route with your child many times before letting him/her come alone. When your child does travel on his/her own, we recommend walking with other children from the neighbourhood.



Enrolment

- About six weeks before your child's 5th birthday, enrol at the school office.
- Pre-entry visits help familiarise children with the process of school and to meet their new teacher and classmates. Cecilia will arrange pre-entry visits. These visits take place on Wednesday mornings from 9.00-11.00.
- Buy a school bag that will fit a lunch box, drink bottle, home reader bag, library book, swimming things and raincoat. There are three meal times: 10.00 brain food and then morning tea and lunchtime.
- Stationery packs can be bought at the school. This pack contains everything your child needs for the year.

Bell times:

- 8.50 ready for school
- 9.00 roll call
- 11.00 morning tea
- 11.35 get ready for learning
- 11.40 classes begin
- 1.00 lunch bell
- 1.35 get ready for learning
- 3.00 home time

First six weeks

- The first six weeks of school is a time for children to learn the routines and language of school.
- The reading bag will go home every night and is to be returned to school each day. Your attitude will influence your child's approach to reading.

- Please show interest in books sent home - discuss pictures and talk about the story with your child. We do not yet expect your child to be able to 'read' the captions, although many children will begin to build up a small sight vocabulary when they use the same words repeated many times.
- Books are usually sent home daily and the same book may come home another time. This is reassuring to your child as it will be a book he/she feels confident about, so accept this. Often, on Fridays, when poem books are sent home, children get to choose their favourite reader for the week.
- Cut small lunches and add in separate play lunch such as fruit, cheese, dates, nuts, raisins, carrots. We have a small healthy brain food snack at 10.00 each day.
- Remember your child has already developed many skills as a result of his/her pre-school experiences before coming to school and will continue to develop them while at school. Some children, at 5 years, will need to develop skills that others have already mastered, and some may be able to start on more advanced work almost immediately.

Welcome to Glendene School

- We are delighted that your child is coming to our school and we will endeavour to provide for him/her on an individual basis, meeting both his/her emotional and academic needs.
- Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how trivial you may think they are. Together we are working for your child.

Sepora Mauigoa
Principal