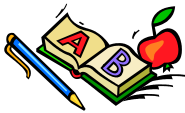




Preparing to Start School

Preparing to start school can be exciting and scary at the same time whether you are in Pre-Primary or Grade 6! Having positive conversations about learning, meeting new people, preparing supplies and your child's feelings about school are important steps. Below are some ideas to help your child prepare for school in September and information on our Curriculum Night as well:

1. Read with your child every night. Talk about the book. Have them make up their own story.
2. Practice oral language skills with lots of conversations and new words in full sentences.
3. Make things like grocery or "To Do" lists to practice reasons to write.
4. Practice waiting, taking turns and sharing with others.
5. Practice listening and following simple directions.
6. Practice talking about feelings and things that help manage them.
7. Practice removing and putting on shoes/sneakers and zipping up coats/jackets, doing buttons.
8. Practice opening and closing lunch bag and food containers.
9. Practice putting on and taking off backpack.
10. Practice bathroom hygiene and washing/drying hands.



Curriculum Night and Ice Cream Social

We are looking forward to seeing you **September 5th** for our curriculum night followed by our Ice Cream Social!

From **5:00pm to 6:00pm** you can visit your child(ren)'s classroom(s) where the teachers will share what to expect for learning and classroom routines. You can also bring your child's supplies at that time.

This will be followed by our Ice Cream Social from **6:00pm to 7:00pm** on our front playgrounds or in the gym if the weather is not cooperative!

You will be able to see who your child's teacher is on Power School or at our Curriculum Night on Sept 5th. Please keep in mind that class changes due to late registrations can happen until the end of September. If your child's class configuration changes, their teacher will send home a new welcome note.

Can you be a Lunch Monitor?



Additionally, we are in search of enough lunch monitors for the coming year. If you can spare some time during lunch (11:20am-12:20pm) as a paid monitor, please make sure that you have all your required checks completed as soon as possible. It does take longer in September to complete checks, so we suggest getting them done now and giving them to the school once we return. Below is the link for all required checks if you plan on helping as a paid lunch monitor or even as a volunteer throughout the year for things like field trips. Please do not leave this until the last minute. It is also an important way families can be involved in their child's school life. <https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer>

First Day of School for students is September 7th! See you then! 😊