



The Acorns School



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Dear Parents

The term just began, and we are almost half way through, approaching the mid term. A warm welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined us this term. It's a sight to behold in the crèche where we have so many new friends interacting and dancing to different tunes, now that they have settled in.

As usual the Acorns basket has a variety of activities, starting with the book week from the 26th of May (right after the half term break) up to the 29th of May. It gives us pleasure to invite parents

to read a story or enact a fable through role play/ puppets/ props, for our friends during circle time between 8:45 and 9:15 am. Please inform the office or teachers, so that we can schedule the program accordingly.

With all the lovely cards and gifts showered on mums on mother's day, we certainly don't want the dads to feel left out. The second Sunday of June being father's day, we have a special activity devised just for dads on the Friday before, which is the 12th of June. The details will be sent out in the first week of June so we don't spoil the surprise. So

all daddies, please keep the morning of 12th June free to share that special moment with your child/ children.

The fifth of June being World Environment day, we have a tree planting campaign for friends at school. Saplings and seeds of all kinds are welcome by the parents, for us to plant in our campus.



Highlights of the term

- ☺ 26th-29th May - Book week
- ☺ 5th June- Green campaign
- ☺ 12th June- Father's day celebration
- ☺ 26th June—Graduation day for Pre-School.
- ☺ 3rd July- End of the year concert.

Raring to go ! The Acorns swimming gala.



Pre school graduation

Pre school is that time of the wonder years, which has many exciting memories and experiences that leave a lasting impact on the children. This year, we have as usual, a big group of 25 children leaving us to join bigger schools. We have a graduation party especially for our pre

school children scheduled for the 26th of June. Once again to make it a family affair, we would like the parents to join us not just as spectators, but to put up a skit or dance to make it a day to remember. All suggestions for the same are welcome.

Some General notes

The driveway had been catered to in the Easter break, but still needs some attention. We wish to inform the parents that we are aware and are working upon it. The half term will give us another opportunity to iron out the dust.

Holidays of the term

- 22nd-25th May-Half term break
- 3rd June- Martyrs Day
- 9th June- Heroes day
- 3rd July—Last Day of term

Curriculum outlines for the term

Our theme for **Crèche** this term is

"My Self." We shall talk about topics like "my name , my Mum & Dad, my home, my family, my birthday, my pet, my bag, my friend , my body parts etc". The aim is to have the children know and appreciate who they are and their surrounding. This will go hand in hand with creative stories and nursery rhymes to help develop number concept and language. For the development of our fine motor skills , we intend to do lots of art and craft activities like painting , colouring , printing & sticking .

" Insects " being our theme for **Junior Kindergarten**, we shall be exploring the campus for various insects to see their aspects and to learn more about them. We aim to do related art &craft activities to help master our hand grip.

In numeracy revision of numbers 1-10 and introduction of numbers 11- 15 is the program for this term . For literacy , book 1 & 2 of Jolly phonics will be revised and book 3 will be introduced with the help of jolly songs, actions stories & activity sheets.



Preschool is adventuring into

"Amazing Africa" as their theme for the term. They are looking at topics like the map of Africa, people of Africa, Birds & animals , tradition wear, African homes, African food, transport in Africa & African musical instruments. We are still emphasizing addition of numbers 1-20, time telling, pattern building , matching numbers, subtraction of numbers 1-10 and writing numbers 1-10 in words. In literacy we are revising jolly Phonics sounds , blending books 1,2,3, & introducing jolly phonics book 6 & 7. We are glad to see the children reading ardently.

The **Nursery** class has **"Community Helpers"** as their theme . The aim is to know learn more about people who help us. e.g. teacher , fireman, nurse/ doctor, farmer, tailor etc. This will be done through discussions, picture interpretation, role play, audio - visual CD,s and art & craft activities . Creative activities of drawing, tracing & colouring will help develop the children's hand grip as they prepare for kindergarten . In numeracy , numbers 1-5 will be revised and numbers 6 -7 will be introduced. This will be accompanied with the revision of shapes & colours .

Parents are re- requested to avoid sending beads, coins or small items with children to school as they may be hazardous for the young ones. We also request you to tighten or remove loose beads in braids to avoid choking hazards.

We as humans, have **"feelings and emotions"** and this is what we are going to learn more about in our theme for **Senior kindergarten** this term. Our aim is to encourage the children to express their feelings in ways that are acceptable to society. E.g. happiness, proud of work well done, sad and angry if a toy is spoilt, pleased to see a friend, sorry about something done wrong etc. In numeracy we are revising numbers 1-15 and introducing 15-20 with great emphasis on formation. In literacy we are revising & introducing blending sounds of jolly phonics book 1, 2 & 3 as well as trying to read two—three letter words.

Missing things
All missing things are put up in the mornings on the wall of the Junior Kindergarten class, for parents and children to identify.
Please ask aunty Rebecca for things lost and found.

Home made play dough

Ingredients for play dough

3 cups of flour, 2 cups of water, 1 cup of salt, 2 tb spoons of cream of tartar, 1 tb spoon of oil, Food colour.

Method

Mix the dry ingredients together. Boil water up to boiling point. Add oil and food colour if using one colour. Pour in the dry ingredients when the water is still boiling. Then you start mingling like posho for about 5 minutes.

If using 2 food colours, cook the play dough till it is done. Divide the play dough into 2 halves. Dissolve the food colour. Pour in the dissolved colour and return to cook for 1 minute

Funnies- Kids Proverbs

An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
If at first you don't succeed.....get batteries.

Many congratulations to all our mums for their new borns. We would also like to congratulate aunty Sarah Mukisa on the birth of a baby boy. She will join us back this month in the Creche.

