

Welcome to Grade One!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to all of you! This is a very exciting time, as your child begins *Grade One* at *Good Shepherd School*. I hope the following information will help to answer some of the questions you may have. I look forward to working with you and your child, and to having a successful year.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Deme
Mrs. McCollum

Student Absence

If your child is going to be away from school, please call the office and leave a message at **(905) 791-1039**. An answering machine will take your call 24 hours daily.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed for lunch at 11:30 a.m., and in the afternoon at 3:15 p.m. Parents or guardians picking up children are asked to wait outside the door in the schoolyard that the *Grade One's* will use. This helps us to ensure the safety of all students. Parents or guardians are asked to send a note if your child's lunch, bus, or pick-up routine changes.

Footwear

Students are requested to have **indoor shoes** and **outdoor shoes**. This will help to keep our learning environment clean and safe.

Physical Education

There are many times during the day when your child will be engaged in physical activities. It is important that the children are dressed comfortably. Also, we have a scheduled gym period two days per week. Please help to ensure that your child is prepared for gym class with running shoes with non-marking soles (these may also be their indoor shoes). Jewelry should be left at home on gym days.

Library

Literacy is essential to learning. Students will have an opportunity to visit the school library on a weekly basis. Parents and guardians are asked to help their child find a safe place to keep their school books, and return them promptly.

Snack Time

Students will have time in both the morning and afternoon to eat their snacks. They are encouraged to bring healthy, peanut-free snacks to school!

Birthdays

Parents are asked **not** to send food to school to celebrate their child's birthday. Other treats such as stickers, pencils, etc. are welcome as an alternative.

Allergy/Cold Seasons

Please send a box of tissue to school with your child. Hopefully we can help reduce the spread of germs with proper hygiene!

The Last Word...

I will send home regular calendars to keep you informed of our activities and upcoming events. A September calendar is coming soon!