

PREP GRADE -PREPARATION FOR SCHOOL

Parents, would you please see if your beginner can do these things alone
It will make his/her introduction to school life easier for him/her if he/she can:-

- Tie his/her own shoelaces or buckle sandals.
- Take off and put on hat and coat. Hang them up.
- Wash his/her face and hands.
- Attend to his/her own toilet needs. (This is MOST IMPORTANT)
- Repeat his/her name, address and phone number.
- Know how to care for books; to know the importance of clean hands before using any book.
- Know how to cross a road, if necessary, with maximum care.
- Pack up own belongings.

WILL YOU PLEASE:

1. Talk to your child about starting school, where he/she will meet new friends, play games, sing and make things.
2. **LABEL CLEARLY ALL POSSESSIONS** he/she will bring to school with Full Name - raincoats, hats, cardigans, pullovers, bags, cases, lunch containers and lids, plastic drink bottle, story books etc... Be sure to check from time to time whether the label is still intact and legible. Train your child to look after his/her own belongings.

We have a 'Lost Property Box'. If anything is lost, check this first. Un-named articles are disposed of on the last day of each term.

A loop for hanging will ensure that coats, etc. stay on pegs, lessening the likelihood of them becoming lost.

UNLESS ALL ARTICLES ARE NAMED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR TEACHERS TO FIND THE CORRECT OWNERS.

3. Do not allow your child to bring to school expensive toys which may become lost or broken. We cannot accept any responsibility for these.
4. Send him/her to school on time each day and every day if possible.
Remember that young children like a routine free from undue tension.
5. Be at home when he/she arrives. If this is not possible, make an arrangement which he/she understands.
6. Instruct him/her regarding the dangers of:
MATCHES, CHEMICALS, PLASTIC BAGS
Take care that he/she does not bring to school articles which could cause accidents.
7. **WARN YOUR CHILD AGAINST:**
 - Loitering on the way home,
 - Visiting friends without permission,
 - **GOING ANYWHERE WITH STRANGERS.**