

Elementary Open House

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Who are room parents?

- Room parents connect classroom and parents through special events
- Take some time to consider what parent or parents would be helpful as the class “Room Parent”

What is my child learning?

- Guided Reading
- Math
- Science
- English
- Physical Education
- ICT-
- Library
- Music
- Art
- Moral Education

Who supports my child's learning other than the classroom and subject teachers?

Our very talented SEN team includes:

- Ms. Jelena
- Mr. Adel
- Ms. Ysбет

What is your teaching approach?

- This year teachers have taken a thematic approach to teaching. This means they have selected 5 unit topics or themes and have incorporated multiple curriculum areas in each.
- There are 5 units. They are the same topics across all grades. Content will vary.
- 6 Weeks per unit
- 1 Project week

Will my child be using books this year?

- English and Science

Portfolio: will reflect samples of best work, photos and reflections throughout the units. Parents are encouraged to feedback to teachers with any comments or concerns at the end of each unit.

Copybooks: will reflect the day to day activities and work completed in class.

Will my child be using books this year?

- Math

Textbook and online platform: McGraw Hill

Log in details have been sent home.

Please contact teacher if you did not receive them.

What do the books look like?

Are there any other resources?

- EPIC: Online library
- MAP skills
- McGraw Hill : Math book

Will my child be assigned homework?

- Homework will be assigned Sunday and should be completed and returned by Thursday .
- Purpose:
 - to allow for a glimpse of school work at home
 - for reinforcement

Will my child be assigned homework?

- It is expected that students complete homework tasks independently. This is to reinforce learning done in class. If your child struggles with a homework assignment, please inform your child's teacher.
- Please ensure your child reads for 20 minutes daily. You may choose to read with or to your child as well. Our goal is to improve reading skills across elementary.

**How will I know what the homework
is?**

How can I communicate with my child's teachers?

- Please note there are a number of ways to communicate with your child's teacher.
Email
ClassDojo
Student Agenda (coming soon)
- We ask that you allow teachers time to respond to your queries. Our teacher's are hard at work teaching your child but will reply within 24 hours.
- If you have a serious concern, we would suggest making an appointment to see child's teacher, section supervisor, or head of department.

Is there a school nurse?

- Our trained and highly skilled nurses are ready to meet the needs of our students.
- Please communicate any medical concerns with our school nurses and classroom teacher.

What time should my child come to school?

- Students are expected in their classrooms by 7:40 each morning. The national anthem is played at 7:45.
- After this time, children will be marked as late.
- Attendance is carefully monitored and recorded on student report cards.

When should my child attend school?

- Your child is required to attend school everyday.
- If your child is unable to come to school please inform the class teacher or section supervisor.
- Upon returning to school, please send a medical note explaining your child's absence.
- Absences without a medical note be a non excused absence.

What should my child wear to school?

- Students are expected to come to school in a neat and tidy VIPS school uniform everyday.
- Supervisors will inform parents, of students who do not adhere to the school uniform policy.
- Wearing a uniform promotes a sense of school spirit and pride.
- The days students have PE, the PE uniform **MUST** be worn.

What is expected of students?

- Children will be respectful, honest, caring, thoughtful, outgoing, hard-working, and energetic.
- Children will try their best.
- Parents should encourage their children to participate in lessons and to be kind and considerate to their teachers and fellow students.
- Every class has essential agreements which every child should stick to, with positive behavior systems to encourage this.

What can parents do to help?

- Please ensure your child is well rested and ready for school each day. It is highly recommended that Elementary students get 9 – 12 *hours* of sleep a night. It is important to establish healthy sleep habits.
- Dismissal time is 2:30pm. Please pick your children up from the appropriate areas.
- Thursdays are half days. Dismissal time is 12:40pm.

What should I pack for my child's lunch?

To help the students achieve their best learning, we ask that:

- Lunch is healthy and balanced.
- Sugar is limited during the school day to ensure optimal learning.

What does the uniform look like?

Can my child celebrate a birthday at school?

- Birthday celebrations can be scheduled on the last Thursday of the month at 1:45 pm.
- Please contact your section supervisor 2 weeks in advance to schedule a birthday party.

Can I walk my child to class?

- In our attempt to encourage and promote independence, we ask parents to drop their children off at the appropriate location and allow them to go to class unescorted.
- Parents are requested to remain the reception area when inside the school.

