




**COMMUNICATION LETTER**

**MAY 2019**

**GRADE 00**


DATE	7-10 MAY	13-17 MAY	20-24 MAY	27-31 MAY
CONCEPTS FOR THE WEEK	<b>SEASONS: Autumn &amp; Winter</b>  <b>Maths:</b> More than and less than  <b>Perceptual:</b> Crossing the mid-line	<b>SEASONS: Autumn &amp; Winter</b>  <b>Maths:</b> More than and less than  <b>Perceptual:</b> Crossing the mid-line  <b>Bible:</b> God is my provider – “Elijah and the widow”	<b>SEASONS: Autumn &amp; Winter</b>  <b>Maths:</b> Bigger than and smaller than (seriation)  <b>Perceptual:</b> Visual discrimination  <b>Bible:</b> Praise & worship	<b>WILD ANIMALS</b>  <b>Maths:</b> Bigger than and smaller than (seriation)  <b>Perceptual:</b> Visual discrimination
MONDAY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	<b>Little Chef</b>  <b>Library</b>	<b>Little Chef</b>  <b>Library</b>	<b>Little Chef</b>  <b>Library</b>
TUESDAY	<b>TERM TWO BEGINS!!!</b>  <b>Playball</b> Girls please wear shorts. Girls and boys to wear takkies.	<b>Playball</b> Girls please wear shorts. Girls and boys to wear takkies.	<b>Playball</b> Girls please wear shorts. Girls and boys to wear takkies.	<b>Playball</b> Girls please wear shorts. Girls and boys to wear takkies.
WEDNESDAY	<b>VOTING DAY</b> <i>No school</i>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Music</b>
THURSDAY	<b>Movement</b> Girls please wear shorts.	<b>Movement</b> Girls please wear shorts.	<b>Movement</b> Girls please wear shorts.	<b>Movement</b> Girls please wear shorts.
FRIDAY	<b>MOMS' PAMPER MORNING!</b>  <b>8h30 until about 10h30</b>	<b>Bible</b>  <b>BREATHE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE</b>	<b>Bible</b>  <b>TOMORROW:</b> <i>Catch a Glimpse</i>	<b>Bible</b>

Welcome back to all our special children, Moms and Dads. We have a busy and exciting term ahead. As we look forward to Term Two, here are a few important notices:

- Moms, please remember, **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** is your special morning to spend with your children at school from **8h30 until about 10h30**. Your children are all very excited for this special morning. We ask all moms to please come to school wearing no make-up (or only foundation), as your children will be applying your make-up and making you look 'beautiful'. Please also **bring your own hair brush** from home. It is going to be a very special morning with your child. Tea, coffee and eats will be provided for you special moms.
- Please diarize **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May for "Catch a Glimpe."** Further details will follow shortly.
- All Dads, please set aside the morning of **14<sup>th</sup> June**, to spend the start of the morning at school with your child.
- Please continue to encourage **independence in your children**. Allow them to pack and unpack their own bags and to dress themselves. By allowing children to tackle new tasks on their own, we are developing **confidence and a sense of achievement** within them. We encourage you to allow them to have their own special chores at home such as setting the table, feeding their pets, tidying their toys, making their beds, choosing their clothes, etc. It's not about the outcome of the chore, but about the process. If the chore is not to your standard, praise your child for their effort and willingness. You can then guide them lovingly the next time they perform the task. Above all, have fun watching your child blossom and grow in confidence and independence!
- Please label **ALL** clothing items, including gloves, scarves and jackets. Please ensure that there is a change of clothing in your child's bag and that your child has a hat at school.

We look forward to another wonderful term with your precious children!

All our love,

The Grade 00 team 

***The importance of perceptual development in young children:***

***Crossing the mid-line*** is a very important perceptual skill that encourages both sides of the brain to work together, across the corpus collosum. Because each hemisphere of the brain carries out different functions, it is vital that the hemispheres communicate with each other in order to co-ordinate learning and develop bilateral integration. Learning, including reading and writing, is a difficult task if crossing the mid-line has not been established.

***Visual discrimination*** is the ability to identify similarities and differences in objects, shapes and pictures and is an important pre-reading and pre-writing skill. Children need to be able to identify differences in letters when learning to read and recognising differences in numbers is essential for mathematical development.