



Laerskool KENRIDGE Primary School

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Every child *Every chance* Every day | *Elke kind* Elke kans *Elke dag* | *Wonke umntwana* *Lonke ixesha* Yonke imihla

Parent information - 2017

1. Grade Two - a year of developing independence, problem solving and self-discipline:

The better your child's listening and organizational skills are, the more the educator can do to challenge him / her so that his / her day can run smoothly. As a parent, you can help your child by encouraging disciplined routines and teaching him / her how to prepare for each day. Encourage your children to:

- Pack their swimming things for PE.
- Put books, readers etc. into their bags once they have completed their homework, so that these items are ready for school.
- Draw up a timetable for your child so that he / she knows what to bring for the following day.
- Give your child a few responsibilities at home and encourage him / her to tidy up.
- Drop your child off at the gate and collect him / her there again. Always ensure that your children know who will be fetching them and where they should meet you. **No parents may be in the school building during school hours, unless an appointment has been made with the teacher (part of our school's security plan).**

2. Homework, letters, stationery and correspondence:

- Mark the homework page by means of a large paper clip, as finding the correct page every day can be a challenge for many children.
- Check stationery every term to ensure that all items are still in working order.
- Check the letter file for letters every day, read and complete them as soon as possible and **tell** your child that there is a letter / reply slip for his / her teacher.
- Sign homework books every day, in the presence of your child.
- Homework **must** be done every day.
- Write a positive and encouraging comment in your child's classwork book when the teacher sends it home.
- Correspondence with your child's teacher may be done via e-mail or a letter.
- Please make an appointment with your child's teacher in order to discuss important matters regarding your child.
- Please ensure that your child is at school on time (**07:43**). Being late places unnecessary stress on the children.
- Should your child receive a letter regarding unsatisfactory behaviour, please view this in a serious light. Children sometimes behave inappropriately and require a gentle reminder about their self-control, appropriate behaviour and respect. We appreciate your continued support.

- Check homework bags every day, including on a Friday as there might be a letter or a book which has been sent home to be signed.

Reading:

- At first, learners read words that appear in the reader and once they are familiar with these words they will start reading from the book. There are only 10 books and therefore not all of the children will be reading the books at the same time, but all of them will eventually read every book.
- Please encourage your child to “sound out” difficult words.
- Encourage expression and fluency as this is a lifelong skill.
- Parents will be expected to replace readers which have been lost by their children.
- Please visit the library with your child so that reading becomes an enjoyable and enriching experience.
- Please ensure that your child has a book to read in the Silent Reading time every day.

3. Birthdays:

- Small packets of “goodies”, individual portions or cupcakes are welcome.
- Please do not send a large cake, unless you have already cut it into pieces.

4. Tuckshop:

- Please use your discretion in this regard.

5. Lunchboxes:

- Please ensure that your child has a healthy lunch for school as this makes a great difference to your child’s ability to focus and concentrate after break.
- Encourage your child to drink water and to bring a bottle of water to drink during class time. (Not **frozen**)

Grade 2 is such an exciting year, during which your child grows a great deal - socially, personally and academically. Together we can make this year special, as we all want what is best for the children.

Yours faithfully

Grade 2 Teachers



S. R. Smith (Mrs)
Principal

