



Dear Parents,

### **GRADE THREE INFORMATION**

We trust that your child has adjusted to his/her new teacher and classmates and that he/she is enjoying Grade Three. We trust that we will have a very rewarding year working together.

Our aim is

- To provide an exciting and stimulating school environment.
- To develop the learner to reach his/her full potential. To be creative and imaginative
- Learners know and understand what is expected of them. A child who knows what their boundaries are feels safe and secure.
- Our primary concern is for your child and as such we need to work together. If there are problems at home let us know immediately via a note, or let the office know as it affects your child's concentration and performance.
- DO NOT discuss your unhappiness or anger of school affairs in front of your child. They love their school and teachers and don't know how to deal with their torn loyalties and this causes all sorts of problems, i.e. attitude, respect, discipline, etc.
- Discipline is imperative to enable your child to take their rightful place in society. The discipline we instill in your child will be beneficial for the rest of their lives. We believe strongly in SELF DISCIPLINE as this leads to self respect, self confidence and a good self esteem.

We would like to clarify the following procedures to eliminate any confusion or misunderstanding during the year.

#### **ACADEMICS**

The following subjects will be covered this year:

- Home Language
- Mathematics
- Afrikaans
- Life Skills

## **Home Language**

### **Reading**

Different ways of reading that will be covered in the classroom:

#### Shared reading

- A shared reading activity involves the whole class and is interactive.
- Shared reading enables learners to engage with rich, interesting text that they would not be able to access on their own,
- It gives the teacher the opportunities to work through specific reading skills in a fun and interactive way.

#### Group guided reading

- Group guided reading is a reading method to help learners move towards independent reading.
- Learners will be divided into ability groups.
- The teacher will work through a text.
- Learners take turns to read, and the teacher offers help and guidance.
- Learners must read the given pages according to the reading cards at home.
- Parents must sign the reading card.

#### Fun Readers

- Learners will receive a fun reader.
- Your child must read the fun reader to you.
- After reading the whole book, please sign and then the teacher will change the book.

## **Mathematics**

- We will be using Maths groups.
- We teach a concept as a whole class activity and then reinforce the concept in the ability groups.
- The learners will change groups, depending on the concepts that they struggle with.

## **Homework**

- Constantia Kloof Primary has gone paperless. We ask you as parents to download the D6 Communicator. The homework and all notices will be placed on the communicator.
- Please ensure that your child has the homework sheet on Monday, so that he/she will be able to complete the homework that afternoon.

- Learners will be issued with Reading, Maths, Phonics and Afrikaans homework daily.
- Supervise and sign the homework book.
- Please ensure that your child bring their books to school everyday.
- Establish a set routine where your child can work undisturbed for four afternoons a week under supervision.
- Demerits are given for homework constantly not done or not signed.
- If for some serious reason homework is not done that day, please note this in the homework book.

### **Assessments**

- Formal assessments will be written each term. The concepts covered will be placed on the communicator.

### **GENERAL CLASSROOM PROCEDURES**

#### **Learner's books**

- Books will be sent home after every theme.
- Please sign the books and send them back to school the next day.
- All marking is done by the teacher on a regular basis and work is evaluated.
- All spelling errors in the Creative Book are not always corrected as this distracts from the creativity of the child's work.

#### **Sick notes**

- According to Departmental policy, if your child is absent from school, you are required to write a letter to the teacher concerned explaining his/her absence.
- These are filed and a record is kept of absenteeism.

#### **Lunch**

- Ensure to pack a healthy lunch
- Learners may order food from the Canteen.
- No fizzy drinks.
- Sweets can be bought at second break, but must be eaten after school.

#### **Birthdays**

- If you would like to send cake, please ensure that the cake is cut for the amount of children in the class.
- Party packs and cup cakes can also be send to school.

#### **Money**

- Ensure that all monies are clearly marked.

- Send it to school in a sealed envelope.
- Write your child's name, grade and teacher's name.
- Remember to write what the money is for.

### **Media bag**

- Learners will need a waterproof media bag.
- Refer to the list in the homework book to see when your child has Media.

### **School times**

- School starts at 07:35 and ends at 13:40.
- If your child isn't present in registration, the learner is marked absent for the day. A sms will be send to notify you.
- In their homework books you will find a list that will indicate the days they have P.T, Media and Art.
- We are working on a 7 day cycle.
- Learners will not have P.T or Media on the same day every week.

### **Physical Education**

- Ensure that your child come dressed in their P.T clothes.
- Learners must be dressed in the red shorts, white shirt with the Constantia Kloof badge on and also white tekkies.
- Swimming season – Learners must bring school costume, towel and swimming cap. Learners must also bring P.T clothes.
- Write a letter should your child not be able to do P.T.

### **Appointments**

- Please remember, should you wish to talk to your child's teacher, make an appointment, either by phoning the office or by writing a note to the teacher concerned, so that a suitable time and date can be arranged.
- Unfortunately, a teacher will not be able to discuss a matter should you just arrive at the classroom without an appointment.