

BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents.

First of all, we would like to welcome your child into K3! If you need to contact your child's teacher for any reason, please e-mail them at:

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Here is some information to better familiarize you with some things that we feel you need to know as we get our new school year started.

- Students may begin to arrive in their classroom starting at 7:50 but not earlier than this time. If your child arrives before 7:50 please have them go to the mini- theatre or remain under supervision until 7:50.
- Any student arriving to class after 8:05 will be marked as late. It is very important that your child arrives to class on time.
 - The end of the school day is at 2:45. Parents can pick their child up in front of the new EY PE room. If there is no parent there at the time of dismissal, your child will go directly to after school care area in the K1 playground. Any child picked-up after 3:10 will be placed into after school care program.
- Please bring in an extra pair of slippers for your child to wear to the restrooms and to their specialist classes. In the classrooms the students are allowed to wear just their socks. For hygienic reasons please no bare feet in the classroom.
- Students will also need to have two sets of clothes to change into after recess times if they become too sweaty. This can be an extra PE shirt or school uniform.

Show and Tell- Students often enjoy bringing in items to share during show-and-tell times. We encourage students to do this, however, we would like to ask parents that any items that students bring in are items that are <u>books</u>, <u>natural</u> (but no pets please) or <u>something that they made by themselves</u>. Students can bring in a toy to share only if it is related to one of our UOI in some way. Show-and-Tell days for K3 are on <u>**Day 6** only unless otherwise</u> <u>stated for specific UOI purposes!</u>

Birthdays- We love to help children celebrate their birthdays, but our schedule is very full in K3. Therefore we are going to celebrate all birthday's for the month on one day. You will receive an email from one of your child's teachers letting you know who else is celebrating in that month and what day we will be celebrating. Then please work with all of the parents of children celebrating birthday's in that month to arrange for one shared cake, cupcakes or treats. More specific information will be coming.

This year in K3 your child will have 6 Units of Inquiries (UOI's). We will be starting two units at the beginning of the year and our Celebrations unit will be running throughout the entire school year. Our first UOI's are:

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<u>How We Express Ourselves (Let's Celebrate)</u> Central idea: There are many similarities in the way people celebrate around the world.

<u>Where We Are in Place & Time (Family Histories)</u> **Central idea: Every family has its own personal history**

As the students are learning and exploring each unit, parents can feel free to send in any resources that they may have at home which you may feel is relevant to the Unit your child is learning about. Items might include books, models, pictures, VCD or DVD's etc. We also love to have parents join us in class to join in our learning.

Homework Policy for K3

Each cycle, the students will be given:

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English Readers – This year the student's will be able to take home a few leveled readers each week. They will go home on D1 and we would like them back by D6.

English Language Activity: Examples would be a Jolly Phonics Activity, spelling words, etc..

Chinese Language Homework Examples would be recognizing high frequency characters, writing Chinese characters using simple stroke and, pin yin, etc... due back the following day.

Math Homework This might be a worksheet or entail a hands-on activity.

Library K3 students will be going to the library on Day 6. They will have the opportunity to check out three books (one in each language) based on their own interest. Please return their library book by the following Day 6 so that they can check new books. **Chinese Readers** Will go home on D5 and are due back the following day.

*** Homework will start on August 29st (D1)

Day	
<u>Monday</u>	English Readers
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<u>3</u>	Chinese
4	Math
<u>5</u>	Chinese Readers
<u>6</u>	Library
Friday	Thai Homework

K3T PE days are on Days 1 and 5 K3M PE days are on Days 2 and 6 K3K PE days are on Days 1 and 4 K3N PE days are on Days 2 and 5

Please send your child to school wearing their PE uniform on these days.

Important Dates

August 10 th	– Will be Day 1
Aug 11 th	– Day 2
Aug 19 th	– Day 1 Again
Aug 15 th	 After School Activities (ASA)
-	Open House 3:00 in the PYP gym
Aug 22 nd	– ASA Term 1 starts
Aug 25 th	– Back to School Night
Aug 29th	– Homework starts

This will be the only newsletter we send home by hard copy this year. All other bi-weekly newsletters will be sent via email. Newsletters for K3 will go out twice a month. If you did not receive an email with this newsletter please let the office know so we can make sure we have the correct email on file.

We are looking forward to getting the school year started!

Best regards, K3 Teaching Team