Preparing Your Child for Primary 1

Saturday 17 November 2018
Agenda for Today
Preparing your child for Primary 1

• Learning Skills
• First Few Days of School
• Things to bring
• Other Information
Research studies have shown that children with early experiences with books tend to

• have an increased interest in reading
• begin to start reading early
How can you, as parents, enhance your children’s literacy experiences?

- Sing, play games, teach nursery rhymes to prepare for language learning
- Tell or read stories to develop a love of the language as well as of stories
- Discuss to improve oral language & arouse curiosity
Learning Skills
How can parents help?

Knowing numbers, alphabet and basic sight words

Neat and legible handwriting – to use wooden pencils for better grip
Incorrect Way of Holding a Pencil
Correct Way of Holding a Pencil

right-handed

left-handed
Help your child get organised
• Homework file
• Label belongings
• Pack things

Trolley bags are strongly discouraged – for safety reasons as it is too heavy
First few days of school
School Hours

• On the first two days of school (Wednesday 2 Jan and Thursday 3 Jan), your child (Primary 1 students) will report to school by 8.00 am.

• P2/ P3/P4/P5 and P6 students will report at 7.25 am.

• By Friday 4 Jan 2018 onwards, he/she will report at 7.25 am like the other students

• Proceed directly to the School Hall for assembly.

• Your child will be led to the school hall by the Meridian JC students and/or our staff, to the School Hall.
School Hours

• Each class will be supported by MJC students for a week.
The school hours for the first week (2 Jan to 4 Jan 2019) are as follows:

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<td>Wed- Thurs (2/1 – 3/1)</td>
<td>8.00 am</td>
<td>8.30 am</td>
<td>9.00am – 9.30am (With MJC and P4 buddies)</td>
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<td>Fri (4/1)</td>
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<td>7.30 am Morning Assembly</td>
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On Wednesday 2 Jan and Thursday 3 Jan, your child will have recess at 8.45am to orientate with his/her new school.
School Hours

- The school hours for the subsequent weeks (7 Jan onwards) till the end of the year are as follows:

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<td>Monday – Friday</td>
<td>7.25 am Earlier Silent Reading</td>
<td>7.30 am Morning Assembly</td>
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Note there is a 5 minutes snack break at **11.55 am** (every day) to allow your child to go to the toilet or eat some biscuits/light snack.
• Parents will be allowed in the canteen for recess for the **first 2 days** (2 Jan & 3 Jan)

• A P4 buddy will be assigned for the **first 2 days**.
• Prepare your child by explaining how to buy food with money. ($2-coins)

• You may also wish to pack some food for your child.
Things to bring

- The list of things that your child is required to bring for the first four days of school is attached for your reference.

- **Label** all the books and files with your child’s name clearly written/printed on it and pack the items together with your child.
Things to bring

• **Write/print your child’s name and class** on all his/her books, files and other belongings (e.g. wallet/purse, water bottle, lunch box, colour pencils, shoes, bag etc.)
• He/She should bring these items to school every day:

- at least 2 sharpened 2B pencils,  
  \textit{(Mechanical pencils are strongly discouraged.)}
- an eraser,
- a ruler,
- a sharpener,
- a pair of scissors,
- a \textit{gluestick},
- a box of sharpened \textit{colour} pencils
- a dark blue \textit{colour} pencil \textit{(for corrections)}
- a small whiteboard and a marker pen, and
- a \textit{homework file} (Communication file)

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Homework File

• To help your child keep track of the homework given by the teachers, please use the transparent file in the P1 Orientation Package as his/her Homework File.

• Teach him/her to slot in all the homework he/she gets from his/her teacher every day.

• Label the file with his/her name and class.
Timetable

• Your child will receive his/her confirmed timetable on the first day of school.

• He/She should pack his/her bag every day and bring only the books required for that day starting from **Monday 7 January 2019**.
Other Information: Students’ Attire

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• All P1 students should wear their school uniform on the first day of school.

• Physical Education (PE) attire should only be worn on the days when there are PE lessons.

• Girls with long hair should tie it up neatly with blue or black elastic bands or hairclips. Fanciful hairclips are not allowed.

• Boys should keep their hair short and neat.
Important Information

• Your child will be given a lanyard with a temporary name tag on the first day of school.

• For the first month, all P1 students will be required to put on the lanyard with name tag at all times in school.

• Write
  ➢ contact numbers
  ➢ school bus number (if any) or
  ➢ which pick up point your child will be picked up from

on the back of the name tag for easy reference.
Important Information

Colour is different for each class.
Absence from School

- **Medical Certificate** or a **Letter of Excuse** is to be produced the day following the absence. *(Please note that it is our school policy to contact you if your child is absent to find out the reason for his/her absence.)*

- Inform the Form Teacher **in advance** if your child will be absent from school for more than two days.
Forms to complete

1. **MOE Student Data Form** *(White form with pink words)*
   (Please use a **2B pencil** to shade the bubbles.)
   Fill in **all** sections and remember to **sign** at the bottom of the second page in ink.

2. **Edusave Standing Order & GIRO Form** *(in the envelop)*
   Only students who are Singaporeans can apply to use Edusave to pay part of their school fees.
   All parents are encouraged to pay their child’s fees through the GIRO deduction scheme.

3. **Consent Form for Dental Treatment** *(Complete online)*.

4. **Travel Declaration Form** *(Complete online)*

5. **P1 Orientation Survey Form** *(Green)*
School Uniform, Books, School Bus & Student-Care Services

The school’s authorized vendors have set up booths at the canteen area.

(There are alternative dates to contact them. Please check with them.)

Orders for books- Deliveries available
Q & A

• If you have any questions, please feel free to approach your child’s Form Teacher or any of the teachers in the briefing room.

• Please pick your child up from the school hall after completing the forms by 11.30am.
We look forward to a meaningful and enjoyable partnership in developing your child to his/her full potential.

Have a pleasant day!

Thank You!