Prep Newsletter

Parent Multisensory Approach to Literacy Parent Training Sessions

If you would like to assist your child with Spelling, Reading and Writing and further understand how these skills are being taught at Burwood Heights, this is the course for you. We encourage parents to attend this training course. It is invaluable in being able to assist your child with reading and writing. It is also extremely beneficial if you are assisting with the reading program.

The course will begin on Monday 24th February at 9:10am until approximately 10:30am. It will run for four weeks on the following dates: 24th February, 3rd March, 17th March and 24th March. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate younger siblings.

Next Week

We will be focusing on the letters – j, k, l and m. We will be reading the big book, ‘The Farm Concert.’ In Numeracy, we will be looking at measurement including taller and shorter, longer and shorter, biggest and smallest and heavy and light.

Assessment

This coming Wednesday will be the students last Wednesday off school. We will resume our first full week of school, starting Monday 3rd March.

Friday Mornings

On Friday mornings students have specialist classes commencing at 9:00am. If you arrive at school after this time, your child will need to leave their bag outside the classroom and if your child is in Prep P you will take them to History and if they are in Prep M you will need to take your child to the Esther Wood Centre for PE.

Notice Folders

The clear, plastic envelopes that were sent home in Week Two with Show and Tell and Me bag information is for students to transport notices to and from home. Please leave these in your child’s bag to ensure that you receive all communication home.

Labelling Belongings

Please ensure that all of your child’s belongings including uniform, drink bottles and containers are named as we have quite a few students misplacing items and it makes it a lot easier to ensure they find their way back to our classroom. Please ensure that if your child has a Burwood Heights school bag, that they have some identifying factors on their bag eg. Bag tag or key ring, as we have been known to have some mix-ups with bags!

Wet Day Timetables

When it rains during playtimes, students are kept inside the classroom for the duration of recess or lunchtime. We suggest that some students may like to bring a colouring or activity book to occupy them during this time. If your child would like to do so, they can leave the book in their tub.

How you can help at home

- Students will be bringing home laminated name plates that show them the correct formation of their name. We encourage students to practice copying their name to ensure they are able to write it correctly with a capital letter at the beginning and the rest lower case letters.
- We have begun doing a lot of cutting activities. We encourage you to provide opportunities for your child to use scissors at home to improve their skills.
- We are focusing on the presentation of our work and evaluating the appearance of our work. We encourage students to practise their colouring at home, focusing on staying in the lines, using correct colours and filling the whole space with colour.
- At the end of next week students will have been introduced to the letters a – m and o, qu and s. You can provide opportunities for students to practice their initial sounds by asking them what sound items around the house begin with, asking them to identify the beginning sounds in a word or asking them the beginning sound in people’s names.

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