

The Owls Class 2019



Dear Moms & Dads,

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. Welcome back! I will be your child's teacher in The Owls Class and will be assisted by Goodness.

We are looking forward to working with your child this year. There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you, sharing in those exciting times with your child.

We have a full program lined up for your little ones this year in order to ensure that they are well equipped for Grade R by the end of this year. With this in mind, The Owls academic day will be starting promptly at 08h00 in order to ensure that we have adequate time for all the different learning activities that will form part of your child's day.

It is of vital importance that you ensure that your child is on time every day, as he/she will be missing out on valuable learning time if they are late. Breakfast will be served from 07:30, with our first lesson of the day starting at 08h00 sharp.

Breakfast will not be served after 08h00. If you would like your child to enjoy breakfast at school, please ensure that you drop your child off at school by 07h45. Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

- **THE OWL'S DAILY ROUTINE:**

07:00 - 07:30	Arrival
07:30 - 08:00	Breakfast + Bathroom
08:00 - 08:30	Language ring
08:30 - 09:00	Numeracy activity
09:00 - 10:00	Art and side activities
10:00 - 10:15	Morning snack
10:15 - 11:20	Free play outside
11:20 - 12:00	Completion of art and side activities
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch time + Bathroom
12:45 - 13:00	Story time + Poem
13:00 - 14:30	Nap/Rest time
14:30 - 15:00	Tidy up + Free play Inside
15:00 - 15:15	Afternoon Snack
15:15 - Home	Free play outside

- **Half day ends at 14:00** (30-minute grace period before register is taken at 14:30)
- **Full day ends at 18:00**

Please do not be late picking up your little ones at the close of the school day. The Hugs & Kisses staff also have families to go home to.



A calendar of monthly activities will be emailed out at the beginning of each month. If you do not receive this email, please check your spam folder, and failing that please send an email to sue@hugsandkisses.co.za to let Lenise know you have not received the month's activities.

Please sign your child's notebook daily, so I can see that you have read and acknowledged the day's events. *Please do not allow your child to draw in their notebook.* If you have any questions, feel free to communicate with me using your child's notebook. You are also welcome to schedule a time to meet with me to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

FRIDAY IS SHOW AND TELL DAY:

Your child is encouraged to bring a toy or other item of interest (not too big) that they want to show to their classmates and talk about.

Please ensure that no toys are brought to school on any of the other days.

BIRTHDAYS:

Please let me know in advance if you would like to have a birthday ring for your child at school. Birthday rings will start no later than 10:00, and we try to keep them brief – there are so many exciting things to learn this year that it is important for us to follow our daily timetable. You are welcome to join in your child's birthday celebrations or alternatively you may send in a camera if you would like some photos of the fun had.

On the occasion of your child's birthday we request that you participate in the Hugs & Kisses tradition of donating an age appropriate book to your child's group. Your child's supervisor will put a certificate in the front of the book detailing by whom the book was donated and will read the book to the class. The book will be kept in your child's class for all future children who pass through Hugs & Kisses to enjoy.

Please supply the following items to be left at Hugs & Kisses:

- School bag (preferably a backpack), **bags with a pull handle do not fit in our lockers**
- Sunblock
- Sun hat (*that provides adequate protection – NO CAPS*)
- Water bottle
- Blanket (*winter only*)

Please send in the following on a daily basis:

- A spare change of clothing
- 👏 **PLEASE ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled**
- ✓ Please advise us if your child has any allergies and/or dietary restrictions
- ✓ We ask that you act responsibly when your child becomes ill:
 - It is necessary that you have back-up support to look after your child when s/he is ill
 - Medicine will be administered provided we receive a signed Medication Authorisation Form.
- ✓ For security reasons, please advise us if your child is to be collected by someone else

A child receives the most effective education when his/her parents and teacher are able to work collaboratively as a team, with the best interests of the child at heart. It is a parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best and this, when coupled with the skills and experience of his/her teacher, enables a child to achieve great things in all spheres of life.

We are looking forward to a fun filled year of learning with your child.

Dorothy and Goodness

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