

The Owls Class 2021



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.

We will be changing up the routine a bit this year, to include more time for the important learning aspects which will get your child ready for Grade R. With this new approach in mind there will no longer be a daily art activity, but rather a few times a week. Rest assured there will be a lot of opportunity for fun learning activities.

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.

Hugs & Kisses 2021



Owls Daily Routine

07:00 - 07:30	Arrival and Free play inside
07:30 - 08:00	Breakfast and Bathroom routine
08:00 - 08:30	Language ring
08:30 - 09:00	Maths
09:00 - 09:45	Art
09:45 - 10:00	Morning snack and Bathroom routine
10:00 - 10:30	Free play outside
10:30 - 10:40	Bathroom routine
10:40 - 11:30	Fine motor/Gross motor
11:30 - 11:50	Free play inside and Bathroom routine
11:50 - 12:30	Lunch and Bathroom routine
12:30 - 12:45	Story
12:45 - 14:00	Sleep/Quiet time
14:00 - 14:40	Free play inside
14:45 - 15:00	Tidy up and bathroom routine
15:00 - 15:15	Snack and bathroom routine

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 16:30**

Please do not be late picking up your little ones at the close of the school day. The Hugs & Kisses staff do cleaning and sanitizing once all the children have gone home, they also have families to go home to.

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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.

We will communicate with you via Whatsapp. No daily diaries are to be used. If you have any questions, feel free to communicate with me using Whatsapp or alternatively you are welcome to schedule a meeting.

BIRTHDAYS:

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. With the new protocols please discuss with me what you intend bring to school for your little ones birthday.

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

- Ziplock bag with a change of clothing and underwear
 - Sunblock
 - A wide brim hat with a visor / or a mask and a sun hat
 - Water bottle
 - Blanket (winter only)
 - Please mark all items with your child's name
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- ✓ 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 she/he is ill
 - Medicine will be administered provided we receive a signed Medication Authorisation Form you can get from our website. Please complete and email to Lenise at sue@hugsandkisses.co.za or alternatively, place the completed form in a ziplock bag and hand it to the teacher.
 - ✓ 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

September 2021