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Dear

Parents

September was a fun filled month at Crayon Kids Academy. We kicked off the month with our Spring day picnic, we had ice cream day, braai day and puppet shows. However, we also worked very hard during assessment weeks.

Open week has kicked off and we are looking forward to welcoming many new faces in 2021. Please help us promote our Open day by informing family, friends and colleagues. **Please don't forget to re-enrol for 2021 before 15 October 2020.**

In this newsletter you will find a breakdown of the year programme for the remainder of 2020. We were able to still plan a few fun events before the end of the year. Please keep a close eye on your WhatsApp group for regular announcements and reminders of what is happening at Crayon Kids Academy.

Remember to like our Facebook page and Instagram account:

Facebook: Crayon Kids Academy

Instagram: crayonkidsacademy

Website: www.crayonkids.co.za

All of the best for the month of October.

Kind regards,

The Crayon Kids Academy team.



Tips of the month:



Let's talk about motor skills.

With the end of the year approaching, we have to see how we can best prepare our learners for their new Grade level. I want to specifically focus on Grade R. We had a challenging year and we still need to continually work towards best preparing our learners for the next grade level. There are a variety of activities than you can do informally at home to practice fundamental skills in preparation for Grade R.

1. Fine Motor Skills

Developing the smaller muscle groups in our hands are fundamental for pencil grip, writing and cutting. All these skills will be taught in the first part of the Foundation Phase.

How can you strengthen your child's smaller muscle groups?

- Baking activities, especially rolling the dough, cutting out cookies with cookie cutters and decorating it. (This is also a great way to bond with your little one.)
- Making jewellery; the combination of stabilising the string and placing the beads onto the string is a great way of strengthening those small muscle groups. You can use macaroni and food colouring to create your very own homemade beads.

2. Gross Motor Skills

There is a variety of reasons why gross motor development is critical for a child's overall development. One of the most important factors is that a child can control his/her body. For example, when a child doesn't have strong core muscles the child is unable to sit up straight. This then makes it impossible for the learner to sit at a desk and directly affects the child's ability to focus on the task at hand.

How can you help your child develop gross motor skills?

Play, play and more play. There are many activities that you can do outdoors to help your child develop their larger muscle groups such as running, kicking a ball, throwing and catching, swimming, riding a bicycle, etc. Encourage outdoor play as much as possible when focusing on the development of gross motor skills.




Research

Corner

Caring is not the same as “Helicopter Parenting”

We live in an increasingly complex and competitive world. Parents of toddlers are all too aware of the challenges facing their children growing up in an age of automation and artificial intelligence. As a result, they are rightly concerned about the best ways in which to support their children to ensure that they are successful at school, university or college and ultimately as working adults. In an attempt to both protect their children from harm as well as ensure that they reach their full academic potential, parents today are often much more involved in their children's schooling than previous generations. During the Covid-19 pandemic, many parents have had the privilege of spending much more time with their children due to remote working practices. Many want to continue working from home because they feel they can contribute much more meaningfully by assisting children with time management, helping with schoolwork or preparing for tests and exams. Unfortunately, this kind of parental involvement has been labelled (often wrongly) as “helicopter parenting” or even “lawnmower parenting” - leading parents to question whether they are perhaps doing more harm than good.

However, there is absolutely nothing wrong with parents being actively involved with their children. In a world where people are becoming more and more isolated as a result of the overuse of social media, children need the authenticity of a caring family environment more than ever. Children not only model their ethical and moral behaviour on that of their parents, but they also need their guidance in setting realistic but challenging goals which are in line with their temperament, talents and opportunities. Doing so does not constitute “helicopter parenting”. The problem comes in when parents fail to align their involvement with the natural development of their children or want to protect them from harm at all costs. We cannot go through life unscathed, and each of us needs to learn how to deal with disappointment and failure because it is part of life. Helicopter parenting is a result of a failure to recognise this fact. For instance, when children first learn to walk - they will fall - it is inevitable. Providing them with a walker (walking ring) to prevent this is not a solution, and in fact, leads to other unintended consequences. “Helicopter Parenting” can be compared to providing children with a “walking ring” - for life.



When parenting becomes obsessed with protecting our children from harm at all costs, with excessive involvement in each aspect of their life, irrespective of their age and the circumstances - that is when it becomes problematic. But that is not the same as thoughtful, caring parenting which aims to raise responsible children that are able to participate in and contribute meaningfully to society.

Dr. Jacobus (Lieb) Liebenberg



School hours:



Please take note that our operating hours during the Covid-19 pandemic is 07:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Friday.

Open Week 1-7 October 2020:

We have hosted our very first Open Week for this year. Prospective parents were able to book a time slot to come in and view the school. We still have some open slots available, so please share the information with family, friends and colleagues who are looking for a preschool for 2021.

Visitors can follow the link to book their slot <https://www.crayonkids.co.za/open-day>



Re-enrolments for 2021:

Please take note that Enrolments for 2021 will be closing **15 October 2020**. Please remember to send back your enrolment form. The forms are available on our website at www.crayonkids.co.za or at the entrance. Please take note that the R 600 reregistration fee will be added to your January bill.

International Teacher's Day:

5 October is International Teacher's day. The theme for this year is; "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future". We would like to salute our teachers for their commitment and passion for the profession.

Progress Reports:

Please take note progress reports for term 3 will be sent home 12 October 2020. We will inform you if we need to make an appointment to discuss the learner's progress. We will also ensure that we focus on problem areas in term 4 to best prepare our learners for the 2021 academic year.



Dress up-days:



Please take note of the October dress-up dates:

Friday 9 October: My favorite Disney character.

Friday 30 October: The circus.

Safety Puppet Show:

We have arranged for “Entractive Productions” to join us on 23 October to host a “Safety around the house” show. Tickets for this fun and interactive show is R 40.00 and is on sale now.





Year programme for the remainder of 2020:

October	
Thursday 1 st	START OF OPEN WEEK 15:00 – 18:00
Friday 2 nd	OPEN WEEK 15:00 – 18:00
Saturday 3 rd	OPEN WEEK 09:00 – 12:00
Monday 5 th	International Teachers day OPEN WEEK 15:00 – 18:00
Tuesday 6 th	OPEN WEEK 15:00 – 18:00
Wednesday 7 th	LAST DAY OF OPEN WEEK 15:00 – 18:00
Friday 9 th	Term 4 Dress up day: Disney
Monday 12 th	Report card handout Parent meeting for Term 4 and learner interventions
Thursday 15 th	Registration for 2021 closes
Friday 16 th	Boss day Puppet Show
Friday 23 rd	Outdoor Movie
Friday 30 th	Puppet Show
November	
Monday 2nd	Term 4 Starts
Friday 6 th	Outdoor Movie
Friday 13 th	Dress up: When I grow up Puppet Show
Monday 23 rd	Revision week starts (Crocodile and Ladybugs)
Monday 30 th	Revision week starts (Busy bees, Giraffe and Baby Sharks)
December	
Friday 4 th	Dress up: Letterland Outdoor Movie
Monday 7 th	Report card hand in to Principal's office
Wednesday 9 th	Finalize report cards
Thursday 10 th	Year-end report hand out and parent meetings
Friday 11 th	Graduation morning and Prizegiving (Invitations will be sent out to Parents)
Monday 14 th	Santa visit and Learner year end party
Tuesday 15 th	Crayon Kids close for 2020 at 13:00
January 2021	
Monday 4 th	Teachers return
Wednesday 6 th	Crayon kids reopens for 2021

Our themes for October:

Our themes for this month:

- Week 1: Occupations
- Week 2: Opposites
- Week 3: Safety
- Week 4: Circus



September art gallery:



Spring day indoor picnic.



Crayon Kids lockdown Birthday party.





Superheroes **Cairo Gericke** and **Leago Sebigi**.



Heritage braai celebrations.



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