**Prep Term 1 Newsletter**

**Wed 2nd March:** Prep 2011 Information Night 7pm Prep Rooms  
**Wed 9th March:** Parent/Teacher Interviews - get to know child

**Inquiry : How can we play and learn well together?**  
Term 1 in Prep is really a great chance to learn about our school, our classmates and even a bit about ourselves! To help us get to know our classmates, we will be playing lots of Discovery Learning and Circle Time games. We'll brainstorm ideas for good play and learning; using these as a basis for our class rules. We also want the students to think about their own thinking and learning. Preps will reflect on things they have already learnt (e.g. putting on shoes) and how they learnt to do them. We can't wait to find out what they want to learn this year at SSPS! It’s always an interesting (if not eclectic) array of skills, knowledge and passions!

**Literacy :** Our first aim this term is for the students to know the difference between a letter, a word and a sentence. We’ll be reading lots of books and talking about them too. The children will also be using ‘Reading Eggs’ on the computer. We’ll also start to learn letters & sounds, one per week.  
M / B / S / R / N / T / P / G  
(e.g. the letter ‘M’ makes a “mmm” sound)

**Numeracy :** Preps are so lucky because we get to count 100 Days at School! Everyday we will be marking off a day on our 100 chart. The children will practice counting by 1s and 10s, counting forwards and backwards to 100. When we get to 100 Days at School, we have a huge party! We will also make & read graphs and learn about 5 & 2. What are some things that you have 2 of?

**Brain Food**  
Every morning around 10am we have Brain Food. It is meant to be a small container of cut up fruit or vegetables. Some ideas: carrot sticks, grapes, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, 1/4 of an apple, snow peas. Just a mini snack.

**Needed : Art Smock and Library Bag**  
Your child needs a waterproof Art Smock to help keep their uniform clean when they are having lots of fun with painting. Also, Prep children borrow library books each week and will need a cloth bag to take them home in. Please ensure the Art Smock and Library Bag are clearly named. Thanks.  
Preps Library borrowing day is Monday. Art smocks stay at school all year.

**Important Allergy Information :** There are several children in Prep who have significant and severe allergies to nuts. We want to ask all families to support us in keeping SSPS safe for every single one of us, especially those with a medical condition. Please do not bring nuts or peanut butter to school. Thank you.

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