

School Leaders and YH Engagement Session 2024 *

Primary 1 and Primary 2 Level Matters

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Housekeeping Matters

- 1. Kindly ensure that you have signed in using the following conventions:
 - Class + Child's Name (e.g. Sally Tan 1 Care)
- 2. Ensure that your microphone is muted.
- If you have questions during the session, kindly click on the link in the chat function to key in your question.

OUTLINE OF TODAY'S SESSION

2.00 p.m. to 2.20 p.m.

- 1. Principal's Address
- 2. Level Expectations
- 3. Level Experience

*PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



Introduction



Every child has unique strengths and interests waiting for us to discover.



Appreciation of whole of Government effort in moulding the future of our nation



Primary education sets the foundation for life.



Our Shared Beliefs

We value every student.

• We love, value and accept our students for who they are.



Every student wants to succeed.

 We are committed to nurturing the whole child.



All can learn.

• We celebrate every success.





Our School Mission, Vision and Values

- Vision: A Learner. A Thinker. A Leader.
- Mission: Ignite Passion For Learning, Nurture Strength of Character.
- Values: Diligence, Discipline, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Care, Harmony, Resilience.
- Motto: Diligence Before Success.









What makes Zhonghua Primary distinctive?

Caring Culture









What makes Zhonghua Primary distinctive?



Rich and Diverse Learning Experiences

What makes Zhonghua Primary distinctive?

Strong Partnerships











The next lap...

Preparing Learners, Thinkers and Leaders for the Future

Urgency for Future of Learning

Accelerating pace of technological advancement

Politically fractured economies





Equip our children with 21st Century Competencies

Critical, Adaptive and Inventive Thinking

Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills









Thank you and wishing you a fruitful 2024!





FOCUS FOR LOWER PRIMARY

Learning to be self-directed by deriving enjoyment from the learning process, willingly embracing challenges, and demonstrating a sense of care for both themselves and others.

WHAT IS TRANSITION TO SCHOOL?

- It is a child's experience of change as she makes the move from her preschool setting to the primary school setting.
- It involves leaving behind some familiar routines, places, people, roles and relationships to start a 'new life' in a place that is likely to include differences in routines, people, roles and relationships.

HOW DO WE KNOW IF A CHILD'S TRANSITION IS SUCCESSFUL?

He/she...

- feels safe and secure at school
- is eager to go to school
- has friends at school
- is willing to ask if he/she needs information
- cooperates with other children
- can follow school routines
- is pleased with their social adjustment

- There are people who are there for the child.
- The child knows who he/she can go to for help.
- The child is willing to try out new experiences i.e. new subject, making new friends.

WHAT CAN YOU, AS PARENTS, DO TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN'S TRANSITION?

Create a SAFE, SUPPORTIVE and INCLUSIVE home to foster socio-emotional development.

Such an environment helps children to...

- MANAGE their own positive and negative feelings.
- CREATE meaningful relationships with their parents at home, and with peers and teachers at school.
- BE different and to have different ideas.
- VALUE both the similarities and differences they share with others.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS work with each other to support children's transition experiences.

Quality relationships come about when teachers and parents take the time and initiative to...

- talk with children about their feelings
- address their concerns when these arise
- show their empathy, care and compassion for the children through their words, body language and actions

Communicate, Engage and Partner with each other

Provide CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK to teachers about the school-related activities/events, e.g., sharing why they are unable to attend school, how the activity was meaningful to them, or what can be improved on.

Providing feedback is easier to achieve when there is TRUST and QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS between teachers and parents; hence the importance of quality relaionships.

TRANSITION IS A JOURNEY...

It takes place over A PERIOD OF TIME and is NOT A ONE-OFF EVENT.

- Begins before the first day of primary school
- Ends when the child feels that she has adapted to life in the primary school

Successful transition depends on child's experiences and duration may be different for each child.

ASSESSMENT RELATED UPDATES

For Parents' Info





- Focusses on building greater confidence and nurturing a stronger intrinsic motivation to learn so as to develop your child's potential.
- No examinations and weighted assessments at Primary 1 & Primary 2 to ease your child into formal schooling.
- Use of appropriate assessment modes to provide useful information to support students' learning and holistic development.

HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT REPORTING

| Level/Term | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
|------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| P1 | | HDP (QDs) | | HDP (QDs) |
| P2 | | HDP (QDs) | | HDP (QDs) |

HDP – Holistic Development Profile (report card)

QDs – Qualitative Descriptors



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Age on 1st Jan

QUALITATIVE DESCRIPTORS

| SUBJECT | SEMESTER 1 |
|---|--------------|
| nglish Language | |
| Listening: Listen attentively and follow simple instructions. | Competent |
| Speaking: Speak clearly to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas. | Competent |
| Reading: Demonstrate basic word recognition skills (e.g. know the letters of the alphabet; able to pronounce words accurately). | Accomplished |
| Reading: Read aloud Primary 1 texts (e.g. STELLAR texts) with accuracy, fluency and expression. | Competent |
| Writing: Demonstrate writing readiness and handwriting skills such as letter formation, placement, sizing and spacing. | Competent |
| hinese Language | |
| Listening: Listen attentively to short, simple spoken content related to daily life. | Accomplished |
| Speaking: Speak with correct pronunciation using vocabulary and sentence structures from Primary 1 texts. | Accomplished |
| Reading: Recognise characters taught in Primary 1. | Accomplished |
| Reading: Read aloud Primary 1 texts with accuracy. | Accomplished |

Holistic Development Profile For Year 2021

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| SUBJECT | SEMESTER 1 |
|--|--------------|
| Mathematics | |
| Understand numbers up to hundred. | Accomplished |
| Understand addition and subtraction. | Accomplished |
| Add and subtract numbers. | Accomplished |
| Identify, name, describe and sort shapes. | Competent |
| Read and interpret picture graphs. | Accomplished |
| Social Studies | |
| Recognise that everyone is unique. | Accomplished |
| Identify the different roles that students play at home, in class and in school. | Competent |
| Ask questions to learn more about self, people and places. | Competent |
| Art | |
| Identify simple visual qualities in what they see around them. | Accomplished |
| Ask questions about what they see. | Competent |
| Draw from their imagination and observation. | Competent |
| Show interest in looking at a variety of artworks | Competent |

LEARNING SUPPORT FOR OUR PUPILS

For Parents' Info





ZPS HOMEWORK TIME NORMS

| Levels | Approximate Daily Time Norms | Suggested Weekly Time Norms | |
|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| P1 & P2 | 0.5 - 1.0 hr | 3 – 7 hr | |

- Homework can come in different modes. Pupils should clarify and understand the expectations of the tasks assigned.
- Pupils are expected to record homework tasks in the Pupil's Diary and refer to them at home as a reminder to complete all their homework.
- Homework must be submitted on time.
- Inform the teacher if they encounter difficulty in completing the homework tasks on time.
- Take pride in their homework and complete homework assignments to the best of their ability.
- Establish a homework routine that is free from distractions.

LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

| Subject | Frequency | Conducted by |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| English Language | Daily1 periodDuring EL periods | Trained LSP teacher |
| Mathematics | DailyDuring Math periods | Trained LSM teacher |

CIRCLE TIME



Circle Time is a time that we have set aside for teachers and pupils to build positive relationships, to listen to one another as well as to solve problems that they are facing as a class.

At Lower Primary, topics of discussion range from friendship and kindness, hobbies and interests, healthy habits, cultural celebrations as well as coping strategies for challenging emotions.



LEVEL EXPERIENCES FOR LOWER PRIMARY

| Project Work | Term 2 |
|--|------------|
| MTL Fortnight | Term 3 |
| Outdoor Leadership and Environmental Education (PAL) | Term 1 & 2 |
| Shining Stars (PAL) | Term 4 |

PARENTAL SUPPORT

ROLE MODEL... SUPPORT... LOVE...







GROWTH MINDSET

- LOVE learning
- Believe in the Power of Yet



PROMPT ACTION

 Discuss problems with your child or teachers



ICT @ HOME

- SLS
- Internet Websites



CHECK

- Make sure your child's work is done daily to the best of his/her ability
- Talk to him/her about his work



REINFORCE

- Make sure your child practises strategies taught
- Reinforce the good work habits of a self-directed learner



POSITIVITY

- Have confidence in your child and teachers
- Encourage your child to try



PARENTS AS MOTIVATOR

1. Attitude

Help your child to adopt the right attitude.

2. Monitoring

Ensure your child follows the class routine (promptness in preparation, homework, revision).

3. Reading

Encourage your child to read (books, magazines, papers), watch and listen to the news daily.

4. Speaking

Ensure your child gets as much support in his/her learning as possible (at least one adult: parent/ sibling/ grandparent to speak to the child in his/her MT and help him/her at home).



END OF SHARING!





