



Pre-Primary School Pre-Primêre Skool

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Viewing times are: Tuesday to Thursday 13:00 to 13:30.

Morning viewing times are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:45 - 11:10.

You may also view us at the above website or on our Facebook page.

For children aged 2 (turning 3) to 6 years

Let us tell you about our school!

At Little Stars we believe that children are unique individuals that develop at their own pace through exploration and discovery of their environment and the people around them. Children are active seekers of knowledge with a natural curiosity to learn about themselves and their surroundings. They need security, love, affection and strong relationships with their parents and teachers to thrive and develop to their full potential. At Little Stars, we create this joyful, loving and safe environment, giving our children the chance to develop their self-confidence, social skills through playing with friends, as well as helping them to develop all the pre-school skills necessary for them to sail through their first year of formal schooling in Grade 1. We encourage children to be caring and sharing individuals; and to develop and sustain their spirit of enquiry. We also believe in physically working on the level of the child, even though it means going down on our haunches or knees and thus having direct eye contact with the child.

Our environment is carefully planned and organized to maximize your child's opportunities to explore and learn using all their senses. We promote self-expression, exploration, experimentation; critical thinking and opportunities to problem solve and practice new and already mastered skills. We have 4 classes: 12 children in the green class (2-3 year olds), 18 children in the red class (3-4 year olds), 22 children in the yellow class (4-5 year olds) and 26 children in the blue class (5-6 year olds; Grade R), each with a qualified teacher and assistant (one English and one Afrikaans).

We use a structured program. There will be times to do things together as a group and times to work independently. Because young children like to know what is happening and when, they benefit from a schedule that is familiar and predictable, yet not rigid. Our daily classroom routine is on display.

Our daily program

Our day begins with outside playtime and the children have a wide variety of equipment to play with. We have a large grassed area, a water play area, and a covered area for push bikes, scooters and wagons. We also have a large sandpit, stilts, step & catch and many more! Large muscle control, motor coordination and balance are developed at this time through climbing on the jungle gyms, riding the scooters, pulling the wagons and jumping around! We provide well-equipped and maintained facilities; excellent supervision at all times during school hours (07:45-13:00 & aftercare), and a safe environment. Our facility is fully fenced with an intercom system to gain admission. We have another outside play time at the end of the day.

We then have morning ring. During this time we are all on the carpet. We take register, look at the weather and the calendar and learn about our theme for the week. Our school is a bilingual Christian school. We begin and end each day with a prayer and all lessons are done in both English and Afrikaans (with the exception of phonics, where we separate the children so as not to confuse their letter sounds). Each week we read a bible story, e.g. a baby for Sarah, and then we have a bible topic, e.g. patience, that ties in with our story. Each week the children are taught a rhyme, alternating English and Afrikaans, which ties in with their theme.

During creative art time we ensure, and if necessary, correct their scissor and pencil grips and also ensure correct body posture when working at the tables during art. Our artwork is always about our current rhyme. We ensure that the children do drawing, painting, cutting, pasting and play dough every week. We want to develop their creativity and their awareness of colour, texture and patterns. We will assist where we can but with our fairly big classes it is a requirement that all our children must be able to work independently. We then have snack time (which we call crunch & munch).

We give practical phonics (letter sounds) and maths lessons. Each week we learn about a letter name as well as the sound it makes. The Grade R's will learn to read & write. In maths we look at topics like colours, shapes, numbers, patterns, sorting, time, adding and taking away, sizes, measuring, etc.

Our PE lessons include gross motor activities using beanbags, hoops, obstacle courses and gross motor games. In music we look at playing music loud and soft; high and low; slowly and quickly and many more musical concepts. We also offer Playball lessons (Wednesdays) and an extensive Music and Movement program (Tuesdays). These take place during school hours and they are included in the school fees.

During puzzle time, we encourage the children to build puzzles or complete educational games. It is during this time that the teachers work with individuals or small groups of children teaching them or assessing them on certain skills every week. We end our fun-filled day with a story to calm us down.

So, as you can see, at Little Stars, we understand that selecting a pre-primary school is one of the most important and stressful decisions you will make. We want you to know that you can be certain you have made the best possible choice for your child. We can assure you that your child will have fun in our stimulating environment while he/she is developing physically, intellectually, emotionally & socially.

The teachers at Little Stars have a passion and great love for children and will always strive to enable each child to reach his or her full potential. At Little Stars each child is given the opportunity to shine and to be the very best they can.