



WEST GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Through the Principal
Mrs Chandler Jay Siva

6 January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to West Grove Primary School!

We hope you had an enjoyable December holiday with your child.

The Student Development Department (SDD) comprising of the Year Heads and Discipline Subject Head will continue to connect and create opportunities for your child to thrive in and experience Joy of Learning in a **Positive Environment**. The **PROSPER** Framework (T. Noble and H. McGrath) is our organizing tool where we encourage **Positivity**, Build **Relationships**, Facilitate **Outcomes**, Focus on **Strengths**, Foster a sense of **Purpose**, Enhance **Engagement** and Teach **Resilience**.

To encourage **Positivity** and build **Relationships** where students will experience positive emotions and have a sense of belonging to the school, we have designed some customized activities for the assemblies. Platforms will be created for two levels to come and bond together at a common time. Through these activities, we hope that our students will develop social and pro-social values that underpin positive connection to their peers, school and the community.

No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship. (Dr James P. Comer)

Introduction of 2023 Form Teachers

If you have any questions, do get in touch with them directly.

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You may also choose to contact any of our staff via

- General Office hotline: **62679234** (Mon to Fri, from 7.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)
- Teachers' Email (available on <http://westgrovepri.moe.edu.sg>)
- Student Handbook

Absence from School

The school places a strong emphasis on students' regular attendance in school and it is closely monitored by the Form Teachers and our Student Development Team (SDT). For any absences, please inform the respective Form Teacher and submit relevant documentation (e.g. Medical Certificates) if applicable.

Please note that if the absence falls on the date of a weighted assessment (e.g. topical test, exam), there is NO make-up for the assessment. Pro-rating will be considered if the absence is substantiated with valid reasons (e.g. Medical).

School Homework

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. We believe that homework cultivates responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong learning habits. Teachers assign relevant, meaningful and even challenging homework to reinforce classroom learning and allow students to apply what was learnt.

School leaders and teachers will make a conscious effort to monitor the homework load of our students. Subject teachers will also coordinate the homework assigned to ensure that it is manageable. Students who are unable to complete their work in class will need to complete it at home, in addition to the homework that has been assigned. We seek your understanding that the actual time spent on homework will vary between students due to differences in their study habits and subject proficiency. We encourage you to speak with our teachers if you have any concerns about the assigned homework.

We also urge parents to play a supportive role by spending some time daily with your child/children to supervise them doing homework and to ensure there is a conducive home environment for it.

Gift Education Programme (GEP)

P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Dates (Tentative)			
Stage	Date	Participants	Papers
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Primary 3 students enrolled in government and government-aided schools	English Language Mathematics
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Only shortlisted students will be invited to the Selection stage	English Language Mathematics General Ability

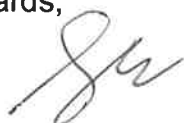
The GEP identification exercise will take place in two stages: The GEP Screening exercise and GEP selection exercise.

The exercise aims to identify students with high intellectual potential and match them to a curriculum that is suitable for them. Test-preparation on activities for the screening and selection exercise is discouraged as it could inflate the student's score and could cause the results of the exercise not to reflect their true potential. Students who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit from it. This would put undue stress on the students and may even cause them to lose confidence and self-esteem.

More details will be given later.

Thank you and best wishes!

Regards,



Mdm Lee Nyuk Phing
Year Head (P3 and P4)

Schedule of Key Events for Term 1

Date	Activity	Remarks
3 Jan – 13 Jan	CCA Option Forms will be issued by Form Teachers	For P3 students only
9 Jan	P3 MOE MTSP Briefing	Selected P3 students only
20 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Normal school hours (7.30am to 1.30pm)
22 Jan – 24 Jan	Public Holiday: Chinese New Year	No school for all students
11 Mar	Parents' Webinar – "Stay Strong, Get Moving!"	
14 Mar	P1 & P3 Math Parents' Webinar	More details to be released later
<i>March School Holidays (11 March to 19 March)</i>		