



## A Welcome ABC to KH 2023 with Mrs Horton

**A** is for Attendance - It is vital to your child's academic success. Please encourage attendance at school and arrive on time each day they are healthy enough to be here. If your child is absent, please notify the school in writing, or using Sentral, or School Bag or on 4388 2188. If you receive a text message please reply. **Allergies**; if your child has any allergies please let the school and myself know so we can avoid exposure and refer to a health care plan if needed.

**B** is for Birthdays –If you choose to celebrate your child's birthday so can we! If you would like to send in a special treat for the class, please contact me a day or two in advance so I can make sure we set aside special time and can discuss food limitations due to various allergies. If Birthdays are not your custom and there is an alternate day you'd like us to celebrate please share with us also.

**C** is for Communication - Communication between home and school is vital to your child's success. Together we are partners in your child's education. No matter how small you may think your question or concern is, I want to hear about it. I also like to hear what works for your child and what makes him/her feel confident, happy, and motivated. If your child requires any accommodations for special needs, I will make adjustments for equity in the classroom and your input into this is both required and valued. I am available most days in the mornings and after school in person, so feel free to pop in. Alternatively, you can make an appointment or reach me through a handwritten note, or through Sentral. I look forward to getting to know you all as we share the journey of your child's first year of schooling together. **Canteen**-orders can be sent in with your child or made online.

**D** is for Dismissal - School ends with our bell at 2:55pm. Learning activities occur right up until the end of the day. It's important that your child be present in class until dismissal time. If your child needs to follow a different process for going home, please send a note to school to avoid confusion at the end of the day. School starts at 8:55am

**E** is for Emergency contacts - Having the correct information is very important. Please check with the front office to make sure that everything is correct and updated should you move or change phone numbers.

**F** is for Family - In our classroom we are a family. I work to create a family atmosphere where we celebrate differences and similarities. We greet each other each morning, work together, share our struggles and joys, look out for one another, treat each other with kindness and respect, celebrate our efforts and successes, and say goodbye at the end of the day.

**G** is for Good Behaviour. At Chittaway Bay, we recognise correct behaviours with Positive Behaviour for Learning, also known as PBL. Our system of recognition allows children to gain certificates from Bronze to Principal Award with many incentives along the way to motivate the children. Our PBL expectations are Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Engaged

**H** is for Home reading - We will start 'Home Reading' in Term 2. They will get sight words home as well.

**I** is for Independence - We should celebrate and foster their independence while still acknowledging that they need guidance and prompting; they are, after all, still only 4, 5 or 6 years old.

**J** is for Joggers - joggers can be worn for sport and fitness. We will let you know our sport days.

**K** is for Keep Mrs Horton informed - I truly care about the children in my class. If something is going on that may have an effect on your child, please let me know. Even sometimes those things that are all a normal part of childhood; bad dreams, problems before school, a parent going away on a business trip, or an illness in the family, can influence your child's school day. Dropping me a quick note that your child might need a little extra TLC, can make all the difference to their world!

**L** is for Lunch - Please make sure your child can open their own lunch box and drink bottle, any containers or wrapping and label everything please. Library Day - KD is on Tuesday, KH is on Thursday and KK is on Friday -please remember to return books in a library bag each week.

**M** is for Money - When sending money to school please place it in an envelope marked with your child's name, and what it's for. Lunch money should also include their order on a paper bag or it can be ordered online. Most importantly, **Medical**; please notify the school of any diagnosis we should be aware of, and complete a health care plan for medications. **'Meeting'**: we will be having a 'meet and greet' soon.

**N** is for Names - Please write your child's name on all their belongings. It's so easy for things to get misplaced or left behind in another area of the school (library, oval, playground, etc...). Writing your child's name will help ensure that their belongings are returned to them, and that you don't have to spend your hard-earned money to replace lost items.

**O** is for Opportunities -Hopefully there will be opportunities throughout the year to help in the class or at school. When volunteering please sign in at the office and be sure to complete a Working With Children check.

**P** is for Pictures - I love to take pictures of our class learning and having fun throughout the year. If you choose to request that your child, not be included in photographs, please let me know.

**Q** is for 'Quick goodbyes mean dry eyes. It's important to acknowledge your child with love, but please do so quickly and quietly so they stay engaged in the activity at hand and don't become upset.

**R** is for Reading - Please read to your child every night. It is one of the most important things you can do for them.

**S** is for Snacks - It's hard to concentrate and work when we're hungry. Our class will have a mid-morning working snack - "Crunch and Sip" each day. Please send one or two healthy pieces of fruit/vegetable with your child each day. This should include unpackaged fruit or vegetables.

**T** is for Technology - Chittaway Bay Public School is fortunate to have a wide variety of technology available in the classroom and throughout the school. Technology is integrated throughout all areas of our curriculum in developmentally appropriate ways. Please find out how you can access school programs from home.

**U** is for Uniforms - Students are required to wear uniform to school every day. Don't forget hats!

**V** is for Volunteers - Your help is always appreciated, no matter how big or small, how frequent or infrequent. Volunteer opportunities are not just available during the school day, so working parents who want to help are able to. Jobs like cutting things out or gluing/pasting activities together for in-class use can easily be done at home.

**W** is for the "Whole child, "I believe in addressing the needs of the 'whole child' with a focus on encouraging a balance of academics, with creativity, imagination, a strong development of self-confidence, problem solving and social awareness.

**X** is for eXcited - I'm so eXcited to work with your child and you this year!

**Y** is for You! - You are your child's first and most important teacher! Your input is always welcome! I can't stress strongly enough that we are partners in your child's education!

**Z** is for Zzzzz - Sleep is absolutely vital to your child's success. A tired child simply does not have the capacity to pay attention in class, learn and retain new knowledge, or work with peers to the best of his/her ability. As a parent, you know the optimum amount of sleep your child needs to be at his/her best. Please help them get that sleep.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year.

Mrs Horton

Kindergarten Teacher

