Parent Information Session
Saint Mary of The Cross

Literacy and Mathematics
Literacy
Reading and Viewing, Writing and Listening and Speaking

- Two hours
  Reading and Writing

- Balanced use of literacy strategies implemented daily

- Data driven teaching

- Daily recording of ongoing monitoring & assessment

- Parent Helpers are an important part of the two hour block.
Mathematics

Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability

- One hour

- Balanced use of mathematical strategies implemented daily

- Data driven teaching

- Daily recording of ongoing monitoring & assessment

- Parent Helpers are a important part
The Role of the Parent Helper!

• Assist students during learning time
  - work with individual students
  - might be taking a group of students
  - provide a model for learning
  - supporting students completing tasks
  - collecting data for classroom teachers

• Attend to children’s questions and queries

• Encourage children to stay on task

• To attend to classroom needs as directed by the teacher
Reading With Students

• Before Reading
  - Do a book orientation.
  - Student to read the book.
  - Ask them to retell what they have read.
  - Ask them some questions about what they have read.
Reading To Students

- Model reading behaviours.
- Students to hear language structures
- Ask them to retell what they have heard.
- Ask them some questions about what they have heard.
High Frequency Words

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- Students should be able to say them independently and automatically.
Alphabet

• Identify upper and lower case letters
• Corresponding sounds
• Words that begin with that letter
Writing

• Assisting with constructing a sentence.
• Assisting with strategies to write down unknown words.
• Reminding students about left to right, spacing and letter formations.
• Assist with developing grammatical knowledge.
• Assist with using punctuation.
• Encouraging them to develop their ideas further.
Small Group Activities

• Playing games to reinforce a concept.
Mathematics

Number

• Assisting with counting
• Assisting with developing number patterns
• Assist with developing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division knowledge.
• Playing mathematical games to reinforce a concept or a strategy
• Explore mathematical language
• Assist with the writing and identification of numbers
Responsibilities of Parent Helpers.

1. Confidentiality

2. Respects the privacy of students and parents

3. Discipline

4. Appropriate language

5. Report concerns to classroom teacher

6. Working with Children Check