

News flash

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Tuesday December 8 'Studiedag'

Please note: next Tuesday is the study day. The school is closed to all students on December 8th. The teachers will continue with *"the art of teaching"*. An explanation follows in this newsletter.

Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December no gym lessons

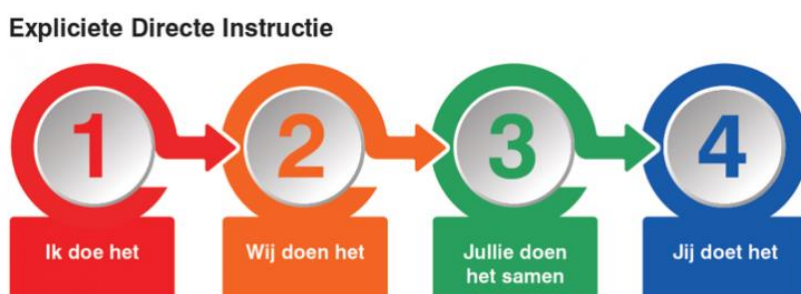
For some time now there has been a moisture problem in the Klateringpad gym building (formerly Kortvoort). Recently some measurements have taken place which show that repair work is needed to solve the problem. This work is scheduled for December 10 and 11. Unfortunately the gym is closed on both days and not available for both our gym classes.

Changes at Crescendo

As you have probably noticed, the school is changing rapidly. At the beginning of the school year, the school started without a principal and assistant-principal. Seven teachers left. Frank Zopfi started as an experienced interim director to restore peace for children and to improve the quality of education. This year he is implementing an improvement plan in close collaboration with the board. An important part of this is a change in the way of teaching. We have started a training with the entire team that takes place during the study days and on which the team focuses on a daily basis. An important part is that instruction is given on three levels. We do this so that the instruction is appropriate to the level of your child.

After the autumn break, the teachers started with this way of teaching. The training is called "The Art of Teaching". We work according to a fixed model:

1. The teacher demonstrates the material;
2. The teacher and the student make the lesson material together. Here the teacher checks which student has understood the lesson material;
3. The students who understand the subject matter go to work together, the students who do not yet understand it receive extra explanation from the teacher;
4. The student can make the teaching material all by himself.

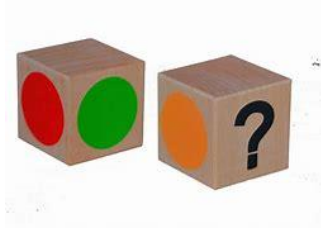


I do, We do, You're working together, Yes you can!

Teachers within Crescendo are supported by fellow teachers. We have also tackled the learning environment. The aim of this design is to create a rich learning environment in which teaching can be done well.

During the instruction we make use of a number of new tools. Your child may be talking about:

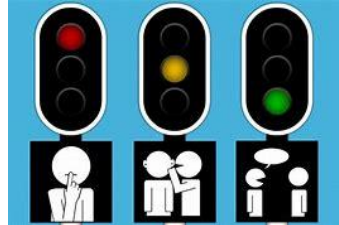
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- turn sticks



Cube



Time timer



Traffic light



Turn sticks

Just ask your child how these aids are used!

What can be noticed at home?

Your child learns something new every day. Every day the teacher writes down what the lesson goals are for this day. As a parent, you can ask your child after the school day what the lesson goal was for this day. We now hear from several parents that children share this at home. And we are very happy to hear that!

Social Schools

Communication with you as parents is part of the improvement plan. As a school, we choose an app that helps you as a parent to easily send a message to the teacher or the school. Currently 58% of all parents are now affiliated with Social Schools. Up to the 100%!

In the past two weeks, several parents visited Joost or Izairra at school. They helped with the installation of the app. So...

Do you need help?

Do you find it difficult to link Social Schools? Make an appointment at school with Joost Bakker or Izairra Piña. We like to help you!

Group 7 and 8: training social resilience

A resilience training will start in the weeks after the Christmas holidays by giving 6 lessons in groups 7 and 8. The lessons are given in the gym and replace the gym lessons. It will be six fantastic fun and educational lessons, in which the class atmosphere will be central. We want to make groups 7 and 8 more cohesive by having the students carry out all kinds of team building activities and collaboration assignments. We pay attention to questions such as:

- How can we best interact with each other?"
- How do we get the best atmosphere in the classroom?
- How do we ensure that everyone has a good time in our group?

In some assignments collaboration is central, in other work forms the focus is on communication and in yet other assignments trust is central. Ultimately we hope to make fun groups out of it, where there is room in social interaction for yourself, but certainly also for the other. The first lessons start on Friday January 8 for group 7 / 8B1

Important data

- December 8th study day
- Last week of progress meetings with parents
- No community school activities for the time being
- Every Friday: music lessons at school by Leerorkest for groups 5 to 7
- From December 3 music lessons for groups 3 and 4

On behalf of the Crescendo team,

Sincerely,

Frank Zopfi (directeur)