

Parents' Evening August 20

This evening is about...

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- 9. What can I do (as a parent)?
- 10. Evaluation
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- 12. Questions?

?. Anni-Maaria Metso special needs teacher info about additional support

Teacher: Elli Leskinen

- a teacher since 2012
- 4th year in Rajala as a bilingual teacher
- Wilma:
 - homework
 - basic info (about sport lessons and trips)
 - short messages
 - some negative marks are mandatory
 - not enough time for individual positive marks
 - no news from school = good news = everything is OK

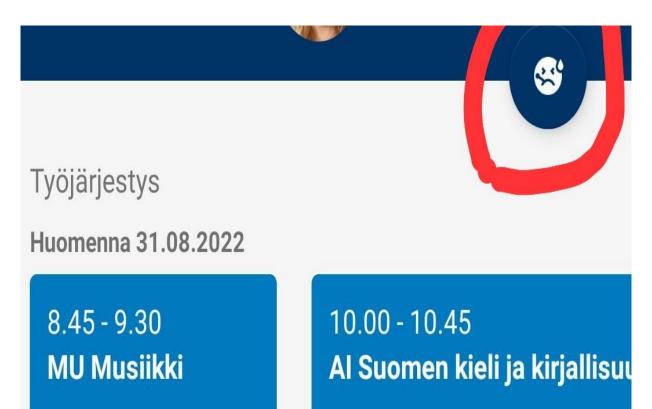
Contact info

- WILMA main and primary channel of communication
- PHONE: call, if urgent.
 Otherwise: Wilma, text message/call request + topic
- Homework → Wilma
- Afternoon club Iltapäiväkerho (IP)
 - → contact Nella directly
- Other teachers Info letter in Wilma
- Parents' group?

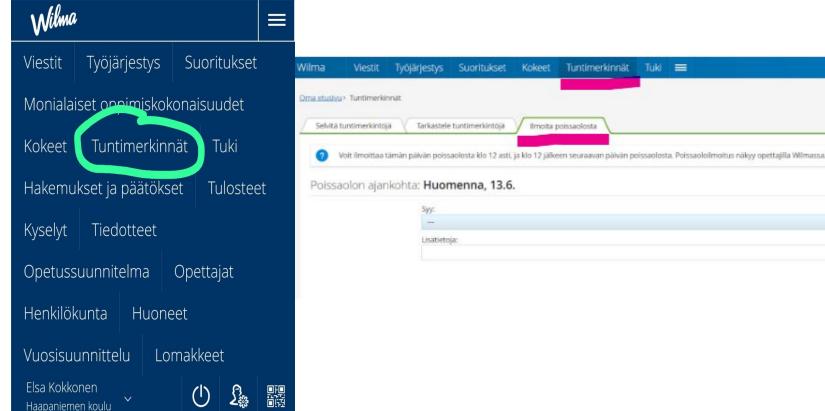
If absent

- IF ABSENT -> Teacher must know!
 - See 1B class web page
- School engagement model automatic messages
 - Do not worry, unless you get a message from Elli
- School engagement steps :
- Bringing it up; absence rate 5–10%
- Clarifying and supporting; absence rate 10–20%
- Intensive support; absence rate over 20%

If your child is sick - Wilma app



If your child is sick - Wilma web page



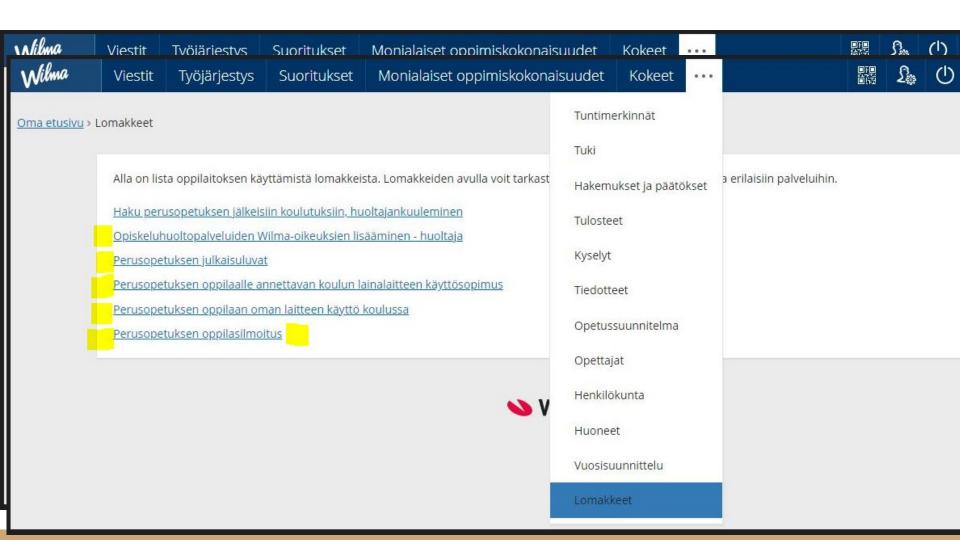
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Forms in Wilma - homework for parents

Forms (Lomakkeet) - please fill (only in Finnish 👎)

- personal information (phone numbers!)
- permissions: photos etc.
- school devices (laptop permissions)
- pupil's own device (permissions)



More info about forms

-opiskeluhuolto

- -julkaisulupa
- -koulun lainalaite
- -oma laite
- -OPPILASILMOITUS ASAP

- -Wilma permission for **pupil welfare services** (school nurse, counselor, psychologist)
- -Permission to publish name, photo, art...
- -permission to use a school device (iPad)
- -Own device (phone)
- **-STUDENT NOTIFICATION** contact information, etc. ASAP

1st grade

WHAT IS NEW? (after pre-school)

- only one adult in the group of ~20 pupils
- less flexible timetable
- less space for own items, like clothes

SKILLS OF A PUPIL NEEDED (grades 1 and 2) = KOULULAISEKSI KASVAMINEN

- Not just lessons, reading and math!
- social skills, more independence and responsibility, less freetime and options
- How the school works?
- Big changes a tired child in the evening?

TIMETABLE and TEACHERS

- Lessons
 - Finnish (7 in a week)
 - English (3 in a week)
 - Math (3 in a week)
 - Sports (suitable clothes)
 - o also art, crafts, religion/ethics, science
 - + all the other goals
- Other teachers
- 1A + 1B + 1C co-operation
- Support (Anni-Maaria)

Support

- Support
 - Anni-Maaria, special needs teacher
 - Tuula, additional teacher (math)
 - Nella, class/learning assistant
 - Nina and Veera, Finnish as a second language teachers
 - extra lessons (= tukiopetus), when needed
 - school welfare services: school nurse, counselor, psychologist

Typical day

- Breakfast at home
- School yard before the bell rings → independently inside
- Morning routine
- Lessons
- Breaks (always outside)
- Lunch (between 10-11)
- Lessons and breaks
- After lessons → home or IP

During breaks: always school staff members outside - not always Elli

→ learning to ask for help from other adults

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Sports lessons

Outdoors whenever weather permits

In the morning, put on appropriate clothing for sports lesson, depending on the weather

- shoes suitable for running
- flexible pants
- water bottle

Notification will be sent if anything special is needed.

A small gym bag for T-shirt and shorts may be brought to class for indoor sports season

Learning to read

Big differences in skills at this point That is ok!

- sounds & letters, syllables, words, sentences
- ability to break and combine the pieces
 - → ability to write (correctly)
- In English later: also rules, known words, tricky words, spelling tests...

decoding vs. comprehension

Homework

- What homework?
 - Check Wilma
 - Books in the backpack
 - Markings on the books or LUKULÄKSYKORTTI
 - Notebooks or worksheets

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- Reading homework from Aapinen is the most important homework
 - o How it works?

If too easy or too difficult or too much → Contact Elli

What can I do (as a parent)?

- If possible, send to school a child who has slept well and eaten well
 - Smooth mornings get things ready in the evening
- Talk in a positive way about school and learning
 - o Identity and self-confidence as a learner develops
- Be interested about the school day Ask questions
- Set aside time and space for homework and school supplies
- Contact the teacher, if you have any concerns or questions
- Updates needed between school and home
- Keep an eye on Wilma

Evaluation (1st grade)

- Learning discussions in November-January
 - Teacher, pupil and parent(s)
- Another form to be filled in (in November)
- Certificate before summer holidays
- Evaluation about
 - learning
 - school work (participation, exercises, practising)
 - behaviour

Practical things

- If late or arriving in the middle of the day:
 - Inform the teacher
 - Behind a locked door: call teacher or knock on the window (doors are locked)
- Only the books with homework into the backpack
- Homework done usually with a pencil
- Invitations to birthday parties cannot be given during school day (unless everyone is invited)
- It is ok to celebrate birthdays and bring a little treat for everyone in 1B

Practical things 2

- Xylitol pastilles OK after lunch
- Indoor shoes OK
- Phones in the bag (mute)
- Phone watches on the wrist OK (koulutila/school mode)
 - o if it still distracts, we will put it in the backpack
- Clothes and other personal items child's name needed!

WHAT NEXT?

Learning discussions November - January

Questions?