

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: Reception & Grade 00**

Rapale International School have two classes at the early childhood development stage, with approximately 20 children in each class. We operate on a three-term calendar of approximately 12 weeks each starting in September each year and finishing in July/August the following year.

‘Rays of Sunshine’ the Grade 00 class is for 4 years old children, where they begin their journey into education in a caring and creative environment. The Reception class is for 5-year-olds, where they are prepared for their adventure into more formal in the primary school. Each class has a qualified teacher, often with a classroom assistant who leads the children into discovery and exploration of the beauty and wonder of God’s creation. Within these formative years the curriculum focuses on language development, especially as English is a second language for many of our students. Fine and gross motor skills are built on and basic learning principles are taught.

The children’s progress is monitored closely so that individual needs can be met. We believe communicating and working with parent’s is essential: There are three parent consultations held in the academic year so that parents may come and look at their child’s work and discuss it with the teacher. A written report is sent home at the end of every school term to give you a clear picture of your child’s achievements. Further appointments can be made with the teacher on request.

Each child is a uniquely created image bearer of God and we strive to introduce them to their heavenly Father right from the beginning of their experience at RIS.