



# Important Words

- \* *CALENDARIO SCOLASTICO* - *school calendar*: it indicates when the school begins and when it ends, the holidays...
- \* *CANCELLINA* - *duster*: it can be used to remove the ink from the pen.
- \* *CEDOLE LIBRARIE* - *book tokens*: these are given to the families by the primary school teachers in the first days of school to go to the bookshop and buy books for free. the books must be booked in June and are paid by the municipality.
- \* *CLASSE* - *class*: it's the group of pupils.
- \* *COLLABORATORI SCOLASTICI* - *school assistants*: people who help in several school activities: they watch children, they clean the classrooms.
- \* *COMPITI* - *homework*: work assigned to pupils to be done at home.
- \* *COMPORAMENTO* - *behaviour*: it's the way the pupil behaves at school, with teachers and classmates.
- \* *COPERTINA* - *cover*: it covers plastic booklets. the colour is generally given by the teacher to distinguish the various subjects.
- \* *CORSI* - *courses*: in schools of every level are organized activities which complete the education plan. those are courses where you can learn several disciplines: swimming, basketball, volleyball...the courses are held by professional instructors.
- \* *DIARIO* - *diary*: where days and dates are indicated. it's the official document used to write the homework, the communications and notes.
- \* *DIRIGENTE SCOLASTICO* - *school executive*: he/she is the authority who runs the school. he/she is the legal representative of the school. in middle school is called "headmaster".
- \* *DOPOSCUOLA* - *afterschool*: to help children do the homework and study. they are organized in the afternoon ( from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) for short period. it requires the payment of a fee or a contribution. in case of low income can apply by asking for help from the local social service.



- \* *FIRMA - signature*: the signature is the name and the surname. every document has to be signed.
- \* *GIUSTIFICAZIONE - excuses*: when the pupil is absent one or more days, parents have to write in the diary: my son/daughter has been absent from school on because of health/family causes.
- \* *GREMBIULE - apron*: it's used at nursery school and in some classes at primary school. it's like a shirt and it's used by pupils during class in the classroom. it's advisable to ask to the school admissions office.
- \* *INSEGNANTI - teachers*: they teach at school. in middle school and in high school they are called "professori".
- \* *INTERROGAZIONI*: when the teachers asks the pupil to talk about what he/she has studied, to repeat the lesson...
- \* *INTERVALLO - break*: short classes break, it can last 10 minutes. the pupils can have a snack.
- \* *LABORATORI - lab*: it's a class where practical activities are done. there are painting , ict, carpentry, music labs.
- \* *LEZIONI/STUDIARE - lesson/ study*: oral activity and study of a topic taught at school and reported in the books.
- \* *LIBRO DI LETTURA - reading book*: for italian, grammar and so on...
- \* *LISTA DI ATTESA - waiting list*: when it comes to enroll a pupil to nursery or primary school there may not be room. the waiting list is where the pupils who haven't been yet enrolled are listed waiting to be enrolled.
- \* *MATERIALE SCOLASTICO - school material generally used*:
  - ✓ pencils
  - ✓ colour pencils
  - ✓ pencil sharpener
  - ✓ eraser
  - ✓ ruler
  - ✓ felt pens
  - ✓ round shaped scissors
  - ✓ glue stick



- \* *NULLA OSTA - authorization*: when a pupil moves to another city/ school, they must ask the school admissions office to give him/her the documents he/she needs to enroll somewhere else.
- \* *PALESTRA - gym*: it's where physical activities are done.
- \* *PIDOCCHI - lice*: they are vermin usually found in the hair. they are often widespread in children. teachers tell parents to check their child's head, because there may be lice. in case lice are found go to the chemist's and ask him/her for the right treatment.
- \* *PISCINA - swimming pool*: it's where activities and swimming courses are held.
- \* *QUADERNONI - exercise book*: notebooks in maxi size. they can be both in squared or in lined format and the colour depends on the teacher's choice or on the attended class.
- \* *REGOLE - rules*: in the italian school there is no corporal punishment. there are rules the pupil must follow, relate which to social life rules and apply to the establishment and the people that work in it
- \* *RIENTRO - return*: it means to go back school to continue class.
- \* *SCHEDA DI VALUTAZIONE - school report*: in primary school it's handed over at the end of the first semester and at the end of the school year. it's where notes of the different subjects are written down.
- \* *SEGRETERIA - school admissions office*: it's the school inner office. You go there to bring certifications, to enroll...etc.
- \* *SEZIONE - section*: every class has got its own alphabet letter which indicates the section it belongs to.
- \* *SOSPENSIONE DELLE LEZIONI - lessons breaks*: lessons can be suspended for national festivals, teachers strikes, teachers meetings, reasons due to bad weather conditions such as snow.
- \* *SOSPENSIONE - suspension*: it's a very serious disciplinary measure adopted by secondary/high school. the pupil must stay away from school for one or more days for serious reasons.
- \* *SUSSIDIARIO - subsidiary*: it can be a single book or a booklet with the study disciplines: maths, science, history and geography. both for english and r.e. there is a book apart.
- \* *TUTA - tracksuit*: clothing for physical exercise.



- \* *USCITA SUL TERRITORIO* – *outing*: it's an outing for the student, the class and the teachers in town or in the neighbourhood. usually you go by foot or by public transport (theatre, library, park...etc)
- \* *VERIFICA* - *examination*: it's a test to check the preparation of the students. it can be a monthly, initial, four- month or final examination.
- \* *VIAGGIO DI ISTRUZIONE* - *educational trip*: it's a trip organized for the student, his/her class and teachers. families must pay for the trip.
- \* *VOCABOLARIO/DIZIONARIO* – *vocabulary/dictionary*: it's the book containing all the words of a language. there are dictionaries with the words translated into different languages
- \* *VOTI* - *notes*: numbers which indicate the correctness and the preparation of the student. with 6 the test is passed.