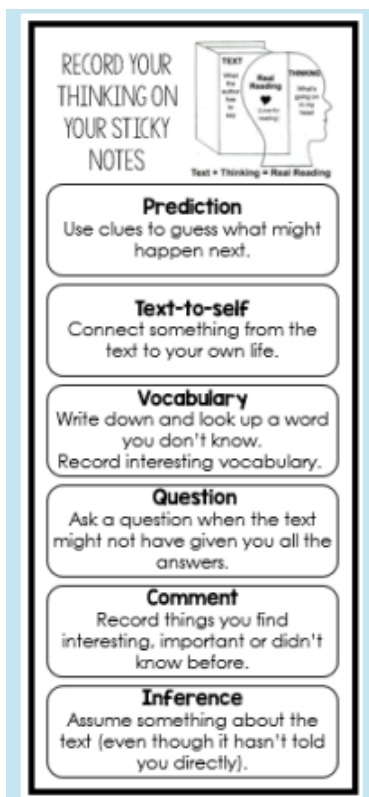


Dear Parents,

When I look at the date of this letter, my heart flutters, and my eye grows just a little bigger. We are in the final stretch of this academic year. I don't know how this happened, as it feels as if we just welcomed you to the new academic year a few months ago!

I Love to Read Month

For this month, we have introduced reading workshops to all of our students across all grade levels. The workshops consist of mini-lessons to develop reading skills, strategies and specific concepts. It includes teaching students how to select a 'just right book' for their level of fluency and comprehension.



Our main aim with these workshops is to support students in developing reading comprehension strategies. Through various assessments this year, we have noticed that our students lack comprehension compared to their reading fluency. People smarter than myself use the term: "barking at the page", meaning that a student can read fluently but with little comprehension.

We will focus on the following strategies to support students in developing reading comprehension:

- Making informed predictions using clues.
- Making connections between the text and themselves.
- Developing their vocabulary by identifying and looking up unfamiliar words.
- Support them in asking questions about their texts.
- Recording something new they have learned while reading.
- Making inferences or assumptions about the text/characters or story events.

All students received a bookmark with these strategies on.

Parents can ask their children what they learned in their reading workshop the past week. Ask them to show you their bookmark and what strategy they are working on. Most importantly, please read with your child or listen to them reading to you.

All students, at all levels, are learning these strategies. We will continue these reading workshops as we move forward to the next academic year. We aim to ensure all our students read at or above grade level.

Thank you to the Grade 1 parents who attended the reading workshop during the week. On Tuesday, 30 April, we invite KG 2 parents to come and learn how you can help your child at home with reading.

Tuesday, 30 April 2024: KG2 parents at 12 pm

NIS Play Day - Monday, 28 April 2024

We can't wait to see our students play during an extended Play Day. The weather and other unfortunate events are now hopefully something of the past. We will now have **NIS Play Day on Monday, 28 April 2024.**

Our **N - Gr. 1 students** will have a three-way rotation, including the following activities:

1. Water Play
2. Bicycle 'car wash'
3. Playing with their favourite toys.

Nursery to Gr. 1 parents, we will share a more detailed letter to help you and your child prepare for this event.

Gr. 2 - 5 will also have extended playtime on the veranda and the NIS Park.

Some rules for NIS Play Day:

- We encourage students to bring games/toys to play with friends.
- Please, no electronic devices or games/toys that are battery operated.
- If it is too expensive to share with friends, please select something else to bring to school.
- Please do not wear rollerblades or shoes with wheels or bring skateboards. They are a safety hazard.

Non-contact Day: Thursday, 2 May

Thursday, 2 May, the day after Labor Day, will be a non-contact day for our Kindergarten and ES students. Teachers will be engaged at school in workshops. We thought this was a perfect opportunity for our **Gr. 3 - 5 students to be reminded of and practice remote learning.**

How will it work?

1. Students (Gr. 3 - 5) will continue to follow their Thursday schedule.
2. Through their Google Classrooms, teachers will assign tasks based on their schedule. If they have for example French, Ms. Afef will ask them to do something.
3. Students will complete their work and upload it again to their Google Classroom.
4. Teachers will then give them feedback.

Gr. 1 - 2 students will be asked to read, respond and hand their responses in on Sunday, 5 May 2024 to their homeroom teachers.

Please ensure that you read the following letters that we shared with you. You only need to read what is applicable to you and your child/children:

Regarding	Who needs to read this?	Link
Student-Led Conferences: Attendance is mandatory.	All parents from N - Gr. 5	Invitation to Student-led Conference o...
Gr. 5 Promotion Day	Gr. 5 Parents	2324 Gr 5 Promotion Day Letter 1.pdf
KG 2 Promotion Day	All KG 2 Parents	KG 2 Promotion Day #3
Market Day	All Gr. 3 - 5 Parents	2324 Market Day .pdf
Gr. 2 Trip	Gr. 2 Parents	2024 Gr. 2 LPOD trip letter to parents.pdf
Mary Poppins Main Cast Field Trip	Parents of all students who played a main role.	2324 Mary Poppins Cast Field trip lette...



Upcoming events that you can note on your calendar for **April**

Date	Event	Grade Levels Involved
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April

Resume according to our normal arrival, lesson, and departure times.

Monday, 29 April	NIS Play Day	N - Gr. 5
Tuesday, 30 April	Character Dress-Up Day	N - Gr. 5
	Reading Workshop for Parents	KG 2

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Wednesday, 1 May	Labour Day - No School on this day.	N - Gr. 5
Thursday, 2 May	In-service Day for staff. No School for students.	N - Gr. 5
6 - 8 May	Bahrain 4th Baby Olympics for registered students. Normal classes for all other students not attending. Contact: Ms. Maricel	N - KG 2.
Thursday, 9 May	Field Trip - Lost Paradise of Dilman Contacts: Ms. Salwa and Gr. 2 Team	Gr. 2
	Mary Poppins Maincast Field Trip - City Centre Normal classes for all other students not attending. Contact: Mr. Marwan	Main Cast Members Gr. 2 - 5
	Student Gathering #2 Contact: Ms. Yossra	Gr. 3 - 5
Thursday, 16 May	Market Day Contacts: Ms. Manal and Ms. Ranjana	Gr. 3 - 5
Tuesday, 21 May	Student-led Led Conferences - attendance mandatory. All day at appointed times. Contact: Ms. Fareeda	N - Gr. 5
Monday, 27 May	Gr. 1 & KG Musical at 11 am in the NIS Cultural Theatre. Contact: Ms. Melinda	N - Gr. 1
Thursday, 30 May	Step Up Day!	N - Gr. 5

June

Thursday, 6 June	Last day for Nursery and KG 1	
Tuesday, 11 June	Promotion Day	KG 2
Wednesday, 12 June	Last day for Gr. 1 - 5	
Thursday, 13 June	Promotion Day	Gr. 5
14 - 22 June	Eid Al Adha	



Thursday, 27 June	End-of-year reports.	N - Gr. 5
September		
3 September	First Day of 2024/25	Gr. 1 - 5
4 September	First Day for KG 1 and KG 2	
5 September	First Day for Nursery	

As Always - thank you for your unwavering support.

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