

News

news from the trunk

Thursday, March 21, 2013



SPRING
BREAK
MARCH 22-31

Enrollment Intentions

Have been sent home, please return by Thursday, April 4, 2013



Letter from Elementary ESL Teacher, Salma Saeed

Hi Everyone,

My name is Salma Saeed and I'm the new Elementary ESL teacher.

I am very happy that I joined the Elementary ESL, from the moment I saw the wide range of teaching aids available, in addition to the freedom granted to choose the best way to teach students with various abilities, I knew this was where I wanted to be.

Due to the different strategies of teaching, I've put in mind that the ESL students will take the needed time to adapt themselves to me as a new teacher. Luckily, frequent 'push-ins' into their classes has made the task even easier.

Elementary ESL Grade 3&4

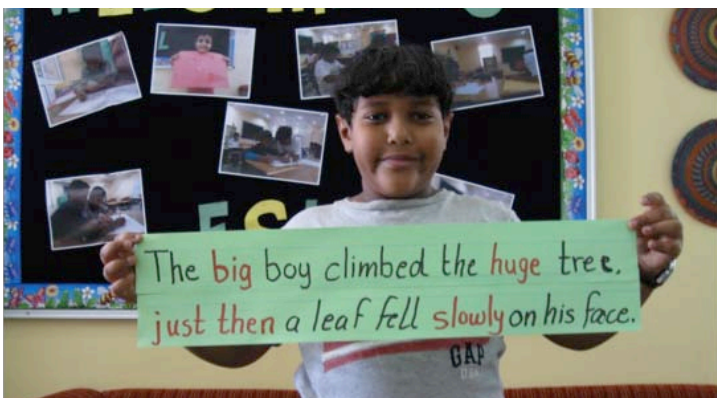


During the last two months we gave a lot of attention to exploring, learning and using the basic parts of speech (i.e. adjectives, adverbs, connectives). Students were given the opportunity to build longer and more expressive sentences. The majority of the students coped brilliantly and they have achieved remarkable progress in a short period of time.

Furthermore, we focused on the spelling of basic sight words along with essential academic words. Once again the progress was remarkable!

In the fourth and final quarter we will concentrate more on reading for meaning and writing multiple paragraphs. I hope that in the foreseeable future all our ESL students will achieve their goals and improve their English skills.

Have a MAGNIFICENT Spring Holiday!



Preparing Your Child to be a Good Reader is One of the Greatest Gifts You Can Give as a Parent.

The title of this week's LC corner is actually a line out of a good article we found at: <http://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/raising-a-reader/>. The article is full of facts, information and excellent advice. We will share it with you in two parts. Part one this week, Part two in April. Hopefully, families can start putting these tips into practice over the break. It is so important that our students maintain some of their academic behaviors over breaks so that transitioning back into school is easy for them. Reading is a great way to keep the mind alert and growing. How to Raise Kids Who Are Good Readers: How to help your child become a standout student By Judsen Culbreth:

1. Good readers start out ahead. Reading scores in first grade are a key indicator of school success in 11th grade. Meaning that what happens in the very early years has a lasting effect on learning. So try these tips with young children:

- The more you read, talk and sing to babies, the greater their foundation for vocabulary and understanding. The youngest ones are amazingly receptive to language.
- Toddlers will sit still to interact with books if you pique their interest with questions like "Who's that?" and "What else do you see?"
- Preschool is the time for children to begin to learn the alphabet, and to become aware of the sounds that make up words—a crucial skill for reading known as phonemic awareness. They don't call it that, but Victoria and her mom practice phonemic awareness whenever they're reading her favorite rhyming books. They clap out the syllables in names ("Vic-tor-i-a") or play word games, such as "I'm thinking of a word that starts with the letter E."
- Young school-age kids need lots of practice reading to and with their parents. Try echo reading to build fluency: You read a passage and then let your child read one. Call your child's attention to punctuation and interesting words as you read.

2. Good readers have better vocabularies. Think about the conversations you've had with your child today. There's a good chance that—because of the hectic lives parents lead—most of the words you used were simple, immediate and directive. For example, "It's time to go now!" Especially on our busiest days, it's easy for parents to forget that kids look to us for varied and rich conversations. One study showed that when teachers used more complex speech, very young children learned to create more complex sentences themselves. From third grade on, kids need to learn about 3,000 new words a year—that's eight new words a day. And it takes at least four exposures to make a word their own. To enrich your child's word power, try these ideas:

- Tell stories about the past, present and future. At dinnertime, relate a story about your childhood or ask about an upcoming school event.
- Read a variety of books—picture books, stories with rhymes, science or history books that convey cool new information. And engage your child in extended conversations about what you read together.

Spring break is a great time to renew your energy to help your child have a great end of the school year. April and May go so quickly so enjoy spring break wherever you will be spending it.

Happy Spring Break!



Last Week's WINNERS

Hannah-KG, Imnet-G1, Agib-G2, Adam-G3, Aliya-G4, Malak-G5, Ali-G6, Haider-G8.

Middle School Student Council

The Middle School Student Council (MSSC) has been working very hard this year to create meaningful and fun activities to the middle school student body and staff. They have raised over 1000 SDG and hosted multiple events including a Halloween theme dance in the last semester. For the new semester, MSSC is planning a wide range of activities, and much more in collaboration with the High School Community Service.

RECENT EVENTS

MSSC hosted a pool party to celebrate all the hard work by the middle school students, and the start of an upcoming new semester. The pool party was an amazing success and enjoyed by all the students who participated and the teacher who chaperoned. MSSC treated all of the guests with free hotdogs, burgers, and drinks. We, MSSC, would like to thank all the students who came to join us and the teachers who made this event possible.

MEMBERS

MSSC consists of students who are willing and put in the time to create fun and useful events for their fellow classmates. They have taken the responsibility and dedicated their time to achieve this task.



KAS Sport

Spring break is here and now when we look back it seems incredible that we've been through so much! Introducing our elementary girls and training them for their first soccer league was one of the most emotive moments, and going all the way to winning the league was just thrilling. The volleyball tournament was short but intense, it left great memories and has motivated everyone to learn this sport. Now with the swim season around the corner, we will start new games and sports. We are sure our students are going to enjoy this next quarter more than ever. Please don't let your children forget their swimming suit!

Elementary School Math problem:

Kindergarten: Circle the group that has more.



Grade 1: Write the number 132. Draw a circle around the tens column, a triangle around the ones column and cross over the hundreds column.

Grade 2: The marching band has 6 rows with 5 players in each row. How many players are in the band?

Grade 3: Write the number that has:

- 9 in the ones place
- 8 in the tens place
- 7 in the thousands place

Grade 4: Draw the following decimals using base 10 blocks: 0.63, 0.07, 3.16

Grade 5: If 15 counters are the whole set, how many are 3/5 of the set? Draw a picture and check by writing a number sentence to find the number of counters.

Middle School Math problem:

A lake resort owner rented a cabin for 14 days on the condition that he would receive \$40 a day for every day it did not rain and \$10 a day for every day it did rain. At the end of 2 weeks, the resort owner received \$380. How many days did it rain?

High School Math problem:

Let n equal the number of vertices and d equal the number of diagonals of a regular polygon. Derive a formula that will predict d for any given n.

Solutions from the last week: Kindergarten: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10; **Grade 1:** Answers will vary; **Grade 2:** 46; **Grade 3:** 42; **Grade 4:** 0.27, 0.99, 1.8, 2.01; **Grade 5:** Answers will vary; **Middle School:** 4:3; **High School:** 72

Circle one:

✂ High School Middle School Elementary School

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Answer: _____ ✂