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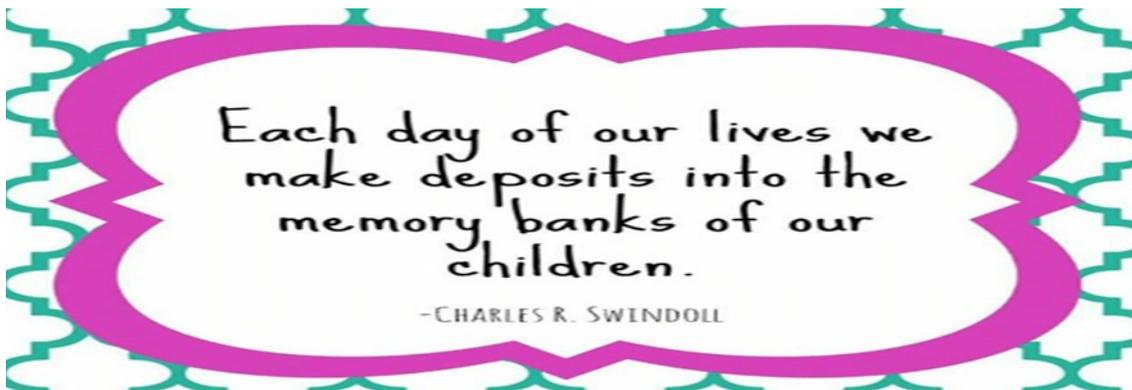
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

I love January! A New Year, new possibilities, and endless options! Being with children especially reinforces all of these feelings – they all come back to school so excited to be in a new year and happy to be back!

This first month of the New Year has indeed flown by and students and teachers have been actively engaged in beginning new Units of Inquiry, researching and exploring new topics in each classroom. Students had a great time during their Leadership Camp that was organized at school on the 20th of January that helped build leadership skills and teamwork ethics among students. Second term Reports were shared online with parents on the 27th of January, 2017. We look forward to seeing the parents on the 4th of February during the Parent-Teacher conference.



Spending quality time with the child is very important for the child's overall development. The nurturing and caring needed during the child's growing years is

crucial in laying down the foundation for your child's future and well-being. Learning how to accomplish this will make it easier for parents, teachers and children to spend and enjoy these valuable moments together.

Listening to children makes our work more effective. Taking their views will most likely lead to more successful interventions and better outcomes. They may construct a more positive sense of identity and become more confident and assertive. Also, involving them in decision-making, helps them 'own' their decisions.

According to Canadian psychiatrist, Dr. Rayel, a parent must commit to four selfless acts so that children can reach their full potential.

- **Set house rules** - Let your children know the do's and don'ts and instill discipline. Encourage responsibility and accountability by showing that infractions have corresponding consequences.
- **Show your love** - Shower children with love. Laughter, hugs and kisses should be part of your daily routine. Give comfort and security. Let excitement and surprises abound.
- **Instill hope** - Let your children feel important. Instill optimism by focusing on positive, uplifting developments rather than on discouraging ones.
- **Create a mission** - Your mission is not just to feed, shelter and clothe your children. You have to create opportunity and guide them to find their passion.

So, how do we make the time shared a qualitative one?

- Make time for child no matter how busy you are.
- Turn off all interruptions and give your child your full attention.
- Listen intently and be sincere to them.
- Think of fun activities you can do together.

- Keep the schedule a routine.

In school, we make sure that there is clear communication of the rules that are laid down in class, in the play area or the ground. We make them take responsibility for their mistakes, help them develop self-control resulting in a positive attitude to change and become better. The stars and stickers earned by the child act as an incentive for good behavior and give the child a sense of accomplishment which encourages the child to repeat it, thus making it easier for all of us to achieve our goal of nurturing fearless global citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

IJS Annual Day Practice

In preparation for our upcoming Annual Day on the 18th of March, practices as well as costume designing and organizing logistical details have begun in full swing. We will be in touch with you in the near future with further details regarding the event but please do block the date on your calendars and ensure that your child is present for practices over the coming month.

Wishing you a Happy February!

Warm Regards,

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