



The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows - Sydney J Harris

Dear Parents,

1 June, 2016

WELCOME to the third academic year at Indus Junior School (IJS). This is our first monthly newsletter of this academic year that will bring you updates about the school and events planned.

On June 6th, just a few days away, the Indus Junior School will open its doors to welcome children of Nursery and Reception and their families to the start of a fun, engaging, and challenging new school year. The school will start for PP1, PP2 and Grade 1 from the 13th of June, 2016 onwards. We are all very excited and are looking forward to receiving students after the summer break. This is a very exciting time for us and I trust you and your child share the same feeling!

The classrooms look very invigorating and exciting and are simply awaiting the arrival of our little ones who will complete the look! The child friendly classrooms and common rooms are well equipped with exciting resources for the children to engage in and enjoy.

TEACHERS

At IJS, teachers strive to change the world through educating each and every child in the school to become a leader in their own lives, and in the community as well.

Following teachers will be on board for the Academic year 2016-17:

Nursery:- Ms. Johnsy Nipane, Ms. Satinder Kaur

Reception:- Ms. Purvvi Bagariaa, Ms. Sumentha Dhir

PP1:- Ms. Sudha Bonsor, Ms. Shalini Singh, Ms. Valli Anisetty, Ms. Mrinalini Sudhamala

PP2:- Ms. Deepti Mukkamala, Ms. Rashmi Rawat

Grade 1:- Ms. Kriti Mathur

Dance:- Ms. Tanuja Chandwani

Music:- Ms. Kinjal Desai

Physical Education:- Ms. Shubhi Pandey

The staff has been undergoing intensive training since May 16th, 2016 on IB curriculum and Early Childhood Development.

LEADERSHIP

There is a leader in every child. Leadership training must start as early as possible – consciously, by extending opportunities, by providing examples, and through trust and sharing.

Our primary role as leaders is to help the child find his/her passion, and then help him/her to live that passion.

Creativity and innovation begin with imagination; and the 21st century belongs to imagination. We all know that imagination is more important than knowledge; not because Einstein said that, but because science tells us also. Children have better imagination than adults. Nurturing imagination is a leadership function.

Our teachers have also undergone training to implement Leadership Curriculum. Our Leadership curriculum focuses on developing the body, mind and spirit of the child. The key objectives of our curriculum are Goal setting, Responsibility, Communication, Community Service and Reflection. This curriculum will be implemented from as early as two years old.

Finding and igniting the child's passion and imagination are leadership functions. Picasso once said, "It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child."

CURRICULUM ROAD MAP DAY (CRMD) – JUNE 4th and June 11th, 2016

The Curriculum Road Map Day for Nursery and Reception grades is scheduled for the 4th of June, 2016 and for PP1, PP2 and Grade 1, the CRM Day will be held on the 11th of June. This will be a good opportunity for the parents to interact with the teachers and share any concerns or clarify any doubts. The parents will also be given an insight into the academic expectations and the targets that their child will be working towards in their new year at school.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Given the first week might be quite challenging for some of our children and parents, we will be offering a transition programme to enable a smooth transition into the school. The whole purpose behind this exercise is to ensure that your child has a smooth start in the school and feels safe and secure in his/her new environment and to avoid any feelings of anxiety from building in the child. The teachers will be explaining the transition programme on the CRM Day.

Example of what to expect: Parents of the youngest children are welcome to stay at school with their child for the first few days to help children settle in or even leave before the end of their session and gradually increase the time spent by the

'child' in the school and reduce the time spent by the 'parent' in the school.

Tips on dealing with the first day of school for first-timers

- Your role as a visitor in the classroom is to help your child follow the teacher's instructions and the schedule of the day.
- Please encourage/help your child to participate as much as possible.
- Although we encourage your involvement in our school, the classroom teachers and the children need to form a working bond in the first two weeks that can only fully happen after you have left your child in our care!
- When the classes have settled into their working routines, we will invite you to volunteer when you are available.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

Every child will need:

- A backpack for school diary, books, snack box and a water bottle (neatly labeled).
- A complete change of clothes labeled with child's name, in a plastic bag to be kept in his/her backpack.
- Easy to wear shoes/ slip-ons.

Nursery (ages 2-3)and Reception (ages 3-4) children will need:

- a small pillow and a sheet in a bag for rest time. We can store this for you in the school and send it back to you at the end of the month to have washed. But please ensure you label the items with your child's name and class.

- Nursery children may need diapers and wipes in case they aren't fully toilet trained. I would recommend all Nursery parents start toilet training their children if they aren't toilet trained already.

FOOD

At IJS, we only provide Lunch (from Grade Reception onwards) which is optional. The lunch for children will be catered by Tabla, Banjara Hills. Their quality of food and hygiene is of a very superior quality. On the CRM day, you will be requested to inform us on the food preference for your child- either Vegetarian or Non-Vegetarian. You also need to let the Grade teacher know about if your child has any food allergy. In the event you decide to change your mind on the preference of food, please bear in mind you need to give us at least a months' notice as we would then need to inform our caterers.

ATTITUDE FOR THE OPENING MONTH OF JUNE: Enthusiasm

Every month we will choose an attitude to focus on and practice, as a part of becoming young leaders. The attitude for the month of June is 'Enthusiasm'. The teachers will explore with the children the benefits of choosing an attitude for each month and the significance behind them. We encourage you to use this vocabulary at home as well so that children can make a variety of connections and you will soon see the language of leadership becoming their own.

All of us at the IJS are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our young ones and establishing a strong and trusting partnership with the parents.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries or clarifications on the contact number below.

Warm Regards,

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