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Message from Head of Centre

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

Franklin D Roosevelt

Dear Parent,

The month of April was productive and exciting for all of us. We started off with the children putting up a spectacular show on 'Indus Day'. The efforts they put into the event were truly remarkable, and the 'CIRCUS' based theme brought back memories of an art that has almost faded. Students from Nursery to Grade 1 showcased some of the animal acts such as acrobatics and dances. We also took up the initiative to train the students in playing percussion and string instruments this year, in order to form the Indus Junior School orchestra. We appreciate all the hard work they have put into making this event a success. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all the parents for their wonderful contribution towards the show, and we hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did in putting it up for you.

This year has been a big year for the students of PP2. It is an exciting milestone for the students of early years as they are done with Preschool and are thrilled to have graduated. They have interacted wonderfully with all the teachers, and made progress by leaps and bounds, and now they take forward with them the many great discoveries and accomplishments they shared together in their days at Preschool. The children celebrated this by singing songs and demonstrated a few things they learned together. The teacher took a moment to share something special about each child while they were up on stage, after which they received a certificate of graduation for completion of Early years. We thank all those parents who took the time to share their lovely thoughts about their experiences with their child's Preschool. We are sure that Grade 1 will bring some more amazing moments for us all to look forward to together.



The Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) and 'Come & See' events were combined with the student led conference held on the 19th of April. We hope you have had a glimpse of your child's progress throughout the year, by watching the children themselves report and demonstrate their learning experiences.

Our month-long Summer camp has begun from the 25th of April, and will go on till the 25th of May. The children are being kept engaged with activities such as Zumba, Robotics, Drama & Theatre and Design Technology. We hope these activities help them explore their inner interests and talents, and encourage them to continue to pursue the challenging world of art and science.



On that note, I'd like to wish you all a very relaxing and refreshing summer break. Enjoy it, and use this opportunity to inculcate in your children the joy of reading. Here are some ways to make reading a natural part of their summer fun:

Explore your library. Visit your local library to check out books and magazines that your kids haven't seen before. Many libraries have summer reading programs, book clubs, and reading contests for even the youngest borrowers.

Make your own books. Pick one of your family's favorite parts of summer — whether it's ice cream, vacation, or the pool — and have your child draw or cut out related pictures from magazines and catalogs. Paste the pictures onto paper to make a book, and then encourage your child to write text for each page. A younger child can dictate the story for you to write down (using your child's words). When you're done, read the book together.

Keep up the reading rituals. Even if everything else changes during the summer, keep up the reading routines already in place at your house. Read with your kids every day — whether it's just before bedtime or under a shady tree on a lazy afternoon.

We hope to see you energized and ready to go again in June!

Sincerely

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