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Middle School Tales

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Guided Reading : The Literacy Lapse

Why is reading important and how can it develop our language skills?

When we look at reading, we consider it a spectrum as it develops the student's ability to access learning at different points in their life. To illustrate, it is through reading that students can access all the other areas in their academics including: Science, Math, and even reading in Arabic.



Guided Reading Program is a project of having avid readers

Ms. Mariam Addeeb
Curriculum Coordinator

What is the guided reading and how it may help the students to be good reader?

We are proud to say that we initiated the guided reading for our students in MS through a collaborative process to ensure that each and every student is leveled based on their current reading ability, so we can ensure that guided reading lessons have students working within a reading book, can read from it, can comprehend and can understand what is happening in the story and their elements.

How does the teacher keep the other students engaged while she is teaching a guided reading group?

In each group in guided reading session, readers are placed on their independence and instructional levels, so when students are not engaged with the teacher, they are working with books that are just right for them; they can read the book and can answer questions and critically analyze the text.

What is the student's role during the guided lesson classes?

To be an active reader is to actively define the words they don't know and to come up with active strategies when they are answering questions.

What is your advice to maximize the benefit of guided reading classes?

Students have a great opportunity to have a structured time to be involved within the reading process and getting motivation from the teacher. It is good to build the love of reading and to improve individually.

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Month in Glance

Science

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Spelling Bee Winner 🥳🥳

Thank you
"Meera Jaber"
For winning the written round and getting 5th place in the oral round!



Math & Art

Middle School students were trained under the supervision of Ms Arwa and her fellow colleagues, alongside the collaboration with Ms Rasha in order to participate in ATHENA Education "Math through Art" Competition. Its criteria is to allow students to perform mathematical concepts in an artistic form.



Grade 7 students celebrated the Hope Probe by posting on padles mathematical facts about the Hope Probe in a creative way. They also solved numerical expressions using order of operations through pixel art and the outcome was plotted down to come out to be a rocket model resembling the Hope Probe.



Spelling Bee Competition Emirates Round



The ambitious students of the middle school participated lively in the spelling bee competition Emirates Round on the 3rd of February. They went through a vicious first round where students had to compete in a written competition, and then qualified to the second round where an oral competition required them to show their belligerent competing skills to try and snatch the "Spelling Bee" title off each other.



Month in Glance

Van Gogh created one of the most famous paintings in history when he painted "The Starry Night". Its vibrant color scheme, swirly twirling stars, and bold Post-Impressionist style all come together to make it a true masterpiece. Students showed some wonderful paintings about starry night.



Doodling art; Students provided visual brainstorms, often with a surprising and fresh result through their doodling.

Meet our New Team!



Ayed Diab

English Teacher

Grades: 6A ,6C, 6G



Bader Alsabah

English Teacher

Grades: 6B,6D, 6F, 6H



Abdalla Sameh

Science Teacher

Grades: 6B-, 6G, 6H

7B, 7D



Hanan Kaddoura

Science Teacher

Grades: 7H, 7G, 8A

8G , 8D

MIDDLE SCHOOL

INSIGHTS

Family Talk

Emirates Mars Mission: Hope Probe

The Emirates Mars Mission is a United Arab Emirates Space Agency uncrewed space exploration mission to Mars. The Hope orbiter was launched on the 19th of July 2020, and reached Mars on the 9th of February 2021. The mission design, development, and operations are led by the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre.

I asked my family about their opinions on Hope Probe and here's what they said:

Mom: "UAE took a big and amazing step towards the exploration of the mars' surface, and atmosphere. I believe it will help us predict what happened to Mars in the past, like how all the water dried up and got buried under the dust. The explanation to this mystery will help us protect our planet in case of a mishap."

Sister: "To have a vision and then bring it to life, with dedication and hard-work is mind blowing. Sheikh Muhammad has taken a huge step and made it possible. From the beginning of civilization, we have been climbing higher. But reaching another planet? That shows just how far we have come. I'm proud of UAE to be able to achieve this milestone."

Be Positive .. Be Awesome

Positive thinking is a belief, a mental attitude that admits into the mind thoughts, words, and images that good things will happen, and efforts will be crowned with success. The power of positivity is to generate, strengthen, and transform energy into reality with the mindset to seek a happy ending regardless the situation.

How does having a positive mindset affect your life?

It helps you find a way in a tough situation; you start feeling like you can overcome the difficulties that are emerging around. On the other hand, an idler finds an excuse to make his way out. The attitude difference for sure impacts the consequences, one is giving themselves hope and a chance to succeed, while the other is hopeless. It is exactly why the motto "You attract what you believe in" exists.

Prove to yourself how powerful you really are by focusing and being grateful for what you have already. The more satisfied you are with what you have now the more likely you are to attract more – if you really want it.

SHOWING EMOTION

We all have our ups and downs that we have to face, or else it won't be healthy, because not showing certain emotions can be toxic. Being toxic eventually leads to several mental states that no one wants to go through.

HOW CAN YOU REMAIN POSITIVE?

- Smile!
- Challenge your negative thoughts.
- Do something you feel excited about.
- Meditate.
- Write your thoughts down.

BENEFITS OF REMAINING POSITIVE:

- Stress relief.
- Increased immunity.
- Better spirit.
- Higher self-esteem.

WELL BEING.. STUDENTS' ROCK

Yousif Ibrahim & Adam Emad were encouraged to conducting a session about positive behavior and attitude as well as sharing ideas about toxic positivity. They vigorously discussed topics like the importance of being positive, the effects of positivity, and the dangers of negative-talk through a well-being session where their innovation was showcased.



Middle School *Insights*

5 Ways to Keep Your Middle Schooler Interested in Reading While Improving their English

1. Provide a good dictionary.

Your child may not want to ask for your help with words anymore, so make sure they have a good reference.

2. Listen to books on tape in the car.

If you're heading on vacation, or even back-and-forth to school, try listening to a novel that will appeal to everyone.

3. Model reading.

Your pre-teen will still follow your reading habits (though they will never let you know it!). Let them see you reading, make comments, and share interesting passages with them.

4. Visit the library/bookstore together.

He should choose where it is, but you can make sure it's well lit and inviting so he stays a while.

5. Ensure he has a good reading space.

Try to make it an event where you share some quality one-on-one time and both choose a few books.

MARCH UPCOMING

EVENTS

MAR 04
HEALTH AND
SAFETY WEEK

MAR 07-11
INTEGRATED PROJECT
DEADLINE (ENGLISH)

MAR 08
INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

MAR 11
AL ISRAA WAL
MERAJ CELEBRATION

MAR 15
UAE CHILDREN'S
DAY

MAR 21
MOTHER'S DAY

MAR 28
SPRING BREAK

Mother's Day

Dear mom,

Some people don't believe in heroes, but do you know why? because they haven't met you. You are the sunshine in my life. I am thankful for all the nights you didn't sleep because I was sick, and for all the days you stood beside me when no one did. I am really glad to have such a wonderful mom like you.

Nour Alkhatib

A mother is a person that can't be described in words. She's someone who occupies her descendents' hearts the most. It is only she who gives the first lessons in life. She's a school for her children's education, a hospital for their well-being, a restaurant for their appetite, a campfire for their warmth; in short, an ideal solution for every obstacle they will ever face.

21st of March: A Precious Day for the Most Precious Person.

On the 21st of March of each year, the whole world kneels down to the benevolence of their mothers. On this day, mothers are honored for the prodigious impact they made in our world.

TALENTED

STUDENTS

Middle School



Taleen Mahmoud

Shows exceptional ingenuity, keenly observant. She is also a fluent, flexible producer of ideas; highly curious to learn



Adham Fouda

Enthusiastic learner; has aspirations to be somebody, to do something...

Expetional performance in English classes , successful leadership and contributing in numerous curriculum activities .



Noor Mahmoud

The most enthusiastic member of the class and shows willingness to learn, and to contubite in well being activities



Mohammad Tolal

MAD ENGLISH HIGH ACHIEVERS

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