



# EXTREME NEWS

FOR KG1 - GRADE 5

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## WELCOME BACK!!!!

We would like to wish all our parents and students a Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful, restful, and happy vacation.

Soon, you will be getting information about the upcoming MAP Tests for Grades 3 through 5. There is no need to panic or study specifically for the tests. The purpose of the tests is to help students, parents, and teachers determine the areas in which students need the most help.

We would like to remind all of you about the importance of reading 20 minutes each day both in English and Arabic. The benefits of reading daily are great!! Students can improve their comprehension, vocabulary, writing, and spelling skills by leaps and bounds. Not only that, reading stimulates your imagination, improves your communication skills, and increases your general knowledge. Besides, it is just plain FUN!!!!

We look forward to working together with our parents and students in 2010. Be safe, stay healthy, and have fun!!!

## MAP TESTING (GRADES 3-5)

The annual MAP tests are around the corner. Keep a lookout for important notices from school about upcoming testing dates.

- The acronym MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress.
- These tests determine a student's instructional level and measure academic growth from year to year.
- The subject areas tested are Reading, English Language, Math, and Science.
- These tests are taken electronically on a computer in multiple choice format.
- Students are not required to study specifically for these tests. Participating in class daily and completing homework and class-work consistently is all that is needed.
- Test results are not included on student report cards, and they do not determine whether a student passes or fails.
- The test results communicate to students, parents, and teachers the areas where students need the most help.



## COMMUNICATION

Communication between school and the home is extremely important! In an effort to keep our parents informed of school events and activities, we regularly send home notices with students.

In KG to Grade 3, each student has a communication/channel book. Grades 4 and 5 use planners. Notices are typically stapled inside the channel books and planners. Here are some helpful tips to stay informed about school happenings.

- Make sure to check for any messages or memos from the school daily. Keep the channel books neat by removing any items read.

- Parents are asked to sign any quizzes or tests that go home. These tests must be returned to school the following day.
- Each month, the class teachers review the items included in the monthly newsletter with their students. Encourage your children to read the newsletter to you and review the topics discussed.
- Schedule an appointment to discuss any important issues or to meet with a specific teacher.

AND THE WINNERS ARE .....

**Library News.....**

**Bookmark Competition**

- Kg 2: Mohamed Emad & Youssef Mohamed
- Grade 1: Shahd Amr & Ziad Essam
- Grade 2: Youssef Wael & Sandro Antonie
- Grade 3: Miran Sameh & Khaled Waleed
- Grade 4: Leena Ashraf & George Sameh
- Grade 5: Nervana Mohamed & Habiba Khaled

**Class of the Month**

Grade 3B

**Bookmark Competition**

Before the holidays, our school librarian, Ms. Nora Ibrahim, asked our students to create bookmarks that they could use to keep their place while reading.

Several of our students in Kg2 to Grade 5 participated in the contest. Prizes included coloring books, coloring pencils, and little notebooks. Congratulations to all our winners!!!!

**Class of the Month**

Ms. Nora Ibrahim, on a monthly basis, recognizes the class who exhibits the best behavior inside the library. Grade 3B received a certificate of appreciation for their efforts!

# Happy Birthday!!



We would like to wish the following students a Happy Birthday in January:

- Kg1: Yassin Tamer (15th), Yehia Amr (17th), Laila Tallal (25th), Youssef Fares (30th)
- Kg2: Zeina Mohamed (1st), Maysem Loay (18th)
- 1st Grade: Razan Mohamed (23rd)
- 2nd Grade: Mahmoud Nabil (1st), Youssef Wael (1st), Mohamed Ahmed (2nd), Salma Tamer (30th)
- 3rd Grade: Fwanda Walid (1st), Malak Gamal (1st), Mohamed Sherif (11th), George Ashraf (30th)
- 4th Grade: Ahmed Amr (1st), Ahmed Mohamed (1st), Jason Osama (10th), George Sameh (15th), Youssef Ashraf (15th), Nadeem Amr (18th), Fatema Esam (24th)
- 5th Grade: Youssef Ramadan (4th), Ahmed Haitham (5th), Hazem Esam (15th), Donia Talal (25th)

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

- January 17: Grade 3 Ministry Exams
- January 19: Holiday: Epiphany (Baptism)
- January 23: Parent-Teacher Meeting
- January 25: Police Day  
School Closed
- January 27: Kg to Gr2 Birthday Celebrations
- February 14-18: Mid-Year Holiday

## REMEMBER .....

Practicing good hygiene, eating nutritious foods, and exercising regularly are all very important to your health and well being!

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