

The OFFICIAL Newsletter of Ignite School

Welcome Back

Dear Parents:

Welcome to October. It is hard to believe that we are already four weeks into the school year. It has been amazing to watch everyone come together to ensure that the beginning of the school year has been a huge success. The staff and students have been spending time developing a strong foundation within the classroom.

Now that the school year is fully underway, we would like to take this time to thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we have all been getting acclimated to the first few weeks. We would also like to thank all of you that attended the Back to School Night events and Parent Association Meetings.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. The best way to get in touch with us is via email at director@igniteschool.ae or principal.es@igniteschool.ae.

Kind Regards,

Andy Lyons
Director

Scott Poloff
Principal



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School News

Parking Lot

A new parking lot will start to be built next week. Ignite School has been approved for a 150 space parking lot for the Arrival and Dismissal side of the school. Project should be completed the beginning of November.

MAP Testing

Students in grades KG2—Grade 6 will begin MAP testing during the weeks of October 6th through October 17th. Please see Class Dojo for further information.

Classroom Weekly Plans

Classroom Newsletters have been changed to include daily class work as well as homework for the week. Newsletters will be posted in Classroom Dojo and will also be available with the Receptionist each Sunday.

Curriculum

At Ignite School we follow the New York State Learning Standards. In the United States when you teach from learning standards you don't teach from the textbook everyday. A textbook is just a resource to enhance the curriculum. There are many resources used to enhance the daily curriculum in each subject from interactive journals, process charts, note taking journals to a student textbook and workbook. So what this means is that every page in a workbook will not always be completed and that is ok. That doesn't mean the student isn't learning or the teacher isn't teaching.

Our Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Nzinga has given some important information about reading. Please refer to the 3rd page of the newsletter for these tips!

Arabic Department

Prayer Time has begun at Ignite School

Grade 3: 1:50-2:05

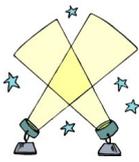
Grade 4: 1:00-1:15

Grade 5: 12:15-12:30

Grade 6: 12:30-12:45

If you have any questions about the Arabic & Islamic Department please contact Dr. Maher

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SPOTLIGHT French Class

In French class we have been working on the Greetings in French. The students can greet someone and dismiss, and introduce themselves. In parallel we have been working on the alphabet with the aim to spell names. We also worked on the classroom vocabulary with teacher and students in French. We are going to continue in October with the supplies in French, the colors and numbers from 1 to 10.

We work on listening, reading, writing and speaking to develop solid communication



CLASS DOJO

Have you downloaded the Class Dojo application and joined your child's classroom account? If not, please do this soon as this is a major communication piece from the teacher and the school with the parents. If you aren't on or checking class dojo daily you might miss something important happening at school.



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Dates to Remember

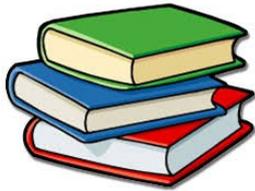
October 3rd—No School—PD Day for Teachers
October 6-17th—MAP Testing
October 28th—Cultural Appreciation Day
November 3rd—UAE Flag Day
November 6—School Pictures: KG1 & KG2
November 7—School Pictures: Grade 1-3
November 10—School Pictures: Grade 4-6

Mission Statement

Our mission is to know the need of every student, collaboratively creating a student-centered, sustainable 21st century learning environment that fosters leadership, social cohesion, creativity, responsibility and ambition providing a catalyst for abilities of lasting relevance to emerge.

Vision

At Ignite School, our vision is for all young people to experience that learning has lasting value beyond their life at school.



Reading, the key to your child's future!

Reading is one of the most important skills that your child needs to develop in order to be successful in school. Not only will good reading skills help your child get good grades, but children that have healthy reading habits have larger vocabularies, longer attention spans, and are better problem solvers. The more time that your child spends reading for fun outside of class the better prepared they will be for learning in school.

Here are some ways to encourage your child to spend more time reading.

1. **Create a comfortable reading corner.** Place some floor pillows and a small library of books in a designated area in your house.
2. **Travel with books.** Encourage your child to bring a book with them on long road trips or family vacations.
3. **Read as a family.** Set aside time during the day for every family member to select their favorite book and read together in the same room.
4. **Ask questions.** Ask your child about what they are reading often. Ask them to make predictions about what they think will happen in the story. Ask them to create a new story with the same book characters.
5. **Make bed-time "book time".** Make reading a part of your child's night-time routine. You can even take turns reading aloud to each other.

It is our hope that these tips will help your child develop a love of reading that will stay with them throughout their lives.

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss

