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Sub: Summer Break

Dear Parent,

Today, Friday the 7th of May, is our last working day. Students and teachers have done a fabulous job in coming together daily to move forward. I also want to acknowledge the strength and courage of each and everyone of you in the face of tremendous odds. Death has stalked us and we have had to bear the grief of losing loved ones both among the teaching fraternity as well as among our students but we have lightened the burden of sorrow by sharing and caring for each other. Let us as a school community continue to share and teach our children the value of empathy and love.

The school would be closed for summer vacation w.e.f. Saturday the 8th of May, 2021 till Thursday 17th of June, 2021. As always, the school office will continue to function with a skeleton staff, so if you need anything you can always write in on the school email ID. May I request those parents who haven't paid the fee to please pay as soon as possible. The school will reopen on Friday 18th June. The time table for the week starting 18th June will be sent to students a week before school reopens.

Holiday Homework & Project:

Learning as you well know is a continuous process. In these difficult times when we are locked into our homes, our children are learning. The question of course is what are they learning? As parents we should be conscious of this unconscious learning that is going on. If we use our enforced time together well then this can be a profitable time for both you and your child. So use the summer break constructively.

Breathing is core to life. It will be good that children learn to breathe properly exercising and strengthening their lungs through practice of Pranayama. I can't emphasise enough the value of reading and how important a role it plays in developing the essential 21st century skills of creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Mathematics is another area that needs consistent daily attention and practice especially till middle school.

Summer break is also the time that children do maximum work on their Projects. This year we have made project work a year long, enquiry based effort, wherein every student will work on a topic of their liking. The effort is to develop among students an understanding of self, a love of enquiry, responsibility to the community and an understanding of an individual's relationship with the world at large. Junior, Middle and Senior school have each got different approaches to Project work. While including academic domains, skills and money are some of the areas that Middle school has incorporated into project work, Senior school is more subject specific. Assessment of progress of the Project will be done twice in a year.

We wish you a safe and happy summer break. Do spend time to engage with your child, read and have meals together. Let us be grateful for the little things in life.

Warmly with prayers for our collective wellbeing,

Dr. Annie Koshi
Principal