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Seminar- Unlocking The Door To Literacy With Letter Land.

Ms. Laxmi, Ms. Neha, Ms. Sapna, Ms. Diksha, Ms Sreja and Ms. Smita attended the on Saturday 17th September. The aim was to show how literacy is enhanced by use of letter land series, multi sensory learning and focus learning through play using stories with pictograms. Ms. Lesley White from U.K took us to the imaginary world of Letter land where letters come to life. The session was made interesting through PowerPoint slides. She introduced the complete range of products to take children from the very first stages of learning to full literacy. She gave us an insight to all the letter sounds in the English language through audio visuals followed by various child friendly stories for the respective letter land characters.

Letter land concentrates on teaching the lower case letter first.

She acquainted the teachers with different teaching strategies like Air tracing and Finger tracing, Picture coding and Handwriting songs.

During the latter half of the session, she had an interactive activity with the letter land wall frieze where teachers were randomly given frieze (letter flash cards) where they had to voice out the short sound of the letter, name and action for the respective character.

She gave an overview of blends and diagraphs through interactive story telling to explain new sounds and spelling patterns. She also explained why and when certain letters come together, they make a completely new sound.

Through this seminar the teachers were briefed about the wide range of Letter land techniques to help children learn how to read, write and enjoy language in a fast, enjoyable and highly effective manner.

GICL faculties participate in “iPad in Education” workshop

Another breakthrough in the sector of education. International schools in India are thinking of introducing ipads as a tool to enhance teaching and learning process. It will help to personalise learning. As teachers and lecturers begin to create new ways of tackling this issue, the iPad could play a useful role in this transformation. Our faculties underwent an orientation and workshop in “iPad in Education” conducted by Mr. David Baugh an Apple Distinguished Educator from UK. In the workshop, he gave several examples of best practice of Digital Video and Multimedia in education and its role in the creative learning process.

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Happenings in Preschool

Exploring different textures through messy play was given a new meaning when children of Transition 1 had fun messing with 'maida'. They sure had lots of fun making lovely wave patterns during write dance. The waves going up and down eventually turned out to be a beautiful Sea World consisting of Whale, Crab and fish. A letter game was played where the children laid themselves on the floor and formed various letters with the help of their group members, challenging the opposite team to guess the letter. This game brought about teamwork, co- ordination skills and spatial awareness. Reading Is Fun! This was clearly understood by our young readers of Transition 2 where they blended words and read sentences using their phonic knowledge. A game on sequencing of numbers was well enjoyed by the T2 children. The atmosphere was all set for healthy competition where each group raced to complete sequencing the numbers correctly. As they did so, they jumped and shouted with glee



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Interaction with helpful community members

Field trips are an excellent way to foster higher levels of thinking. Children focus on how and why things happen. Young children learn from their experiences. They use a multi-sensorial approach to gather information about the world around them. Students of grade1 had been for a field trip on 22nd September and met the different community helpers like the postman, the fireman etc. They observed the different members of the community on their way and then reflected on their observations. In pairs, the children wrote a story about their favourite community helper. They had a brainstorming session followed by a think-pair-share activity wherein they used their imagination and creativity. They have had a fun-filled week with lots of direct learning experiences. The postman also visited them in class and they had a whole lot of questions to ask him. Indeed! A CHILD CAN ASK A LOT MORE QUESTIONS THAN A WISE MAN CAN ANSWER!!!! Dear Grade 1 parents! Be alert, you will come across a surprise message soon !



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Forth coming events
Regular Practice for concert
will begin from Monday the
26th Sept 2011.

**30h.Sept 2011: Last day to
pay an advance amount for
the International Tours.**

**Navratri Celebrations in
different batches from
Transition 1 to IBDP. Date
and Time will be informed.**

Open Day on 1st. Oct.2011

