



**Kuwait National
English School**

Early Years / Reception Home Link



**Term 1 Home Link
2011-2012**

**What we will do
this term?**

Themes

**Back to School / Me & My Body / Family
/ Seasons and Weather**

Children will continue to develop an understanding of routines, structure of daily activities and expectations.

The building blocks of learning are continued from what the children learned in Pre-school and Kindergarten. They should have a solid knowledge now of the alphabet, it's sounds and good pencil control. Skills

- Print clearly, all the letters.
- Begin to print small words with proper spacing.
- To continue our ability to focus and concentrate for longer periods.
- To take better control of our independent personal needs.
- To share and negotiate good social skills.

Literacy Reading

Children will begin to learn the variety of letter sounds.

Children will learn small words and how to spell them.

Children will begin to connect some words with pictures.

Children will learn that writing is from left to right.

Literacy; Independent Reading;

> Students should always be given time to read independently both at home and at school.

Parents are encouraged to provide and supervise their children the opportunity to read a book of their choice each night. They should be given 10 minutes of quiet time where they can review the book and begin to understand the concept of words and their ability to tell a story.

This is a wonderful time for parents to build a strong bond with their child by reading the text together.

>The books should be simple and easy to understand. They should also contain simple words which are repeated, in able to reinforce the word recognition.

Literacy: Writing;

> This skill takes a lot of practice and is only acquired after the process becomes a habit.

> Children will continue to practise each day their writing skills.

> Homework will be sent home a few times a week for writing practise.

Parents are encouraged to provide and supervise each night an opportunity for them to show what they did or learned.

Please Note: Students must have a large plastic file folder and a backpack large enough to carry it home each day. With out this file folder is impossible for the school to send work home.

Reception Children will be using the text books—"Tiny Talk".

Please see accounting regarding text books for Reception.

Music

Music is an important part of Language acquisition.

> Students will continue to learn new rhymes, words and sounds through music and perform in the Winter Concert.

Personal , Social, & Health Education

Learn Social Skills

>Proper social behaviour will continue to be reinforced.

Children will learn consequences to poor behaviour.

>Children must learn proper social behaviour and conflict resolution.

Please Note: aggressive behaviour is not acceptable and parents must continually reinforce proper conflict resolution.

> Children are on their way to becoming independent individuals. We all, as education partners must encourage independence through bathroom, eating and personal belonging care skills.

Language

Children will be given the opportunity to recognize new sounds and the variety of forms they take..

> We will explore these forms through sound, writing , colouring and sight.

Numeracy

Students will continue to learn basic numbers and patterns as well as how they are formed and what they represent.

They will learn to count to 20 forward and backward.

Special Days and Parent expectations

We celebrate and attempt to understand special days through the year.

Please note;

Parent Orientation September 21st

Parent Teacher Conference October 31 and November 1st.

- *November 16th; International Tolerance Day*
- *December Winter Concert (Date to be announced)*
- *December 21st; Beginning of Winter Vacation.*
-

Home Expectations

Parents need to help their children learn to take some responsibilities for themselves. Please encourage and reward these actions

A reminder that children should always have a healthy meal and snack.

****Skills are taught at school but must be practiced at home !!!!!***

KNES Mission Statement

All students at KNES are members of an International community. We look to help them to get to know each other then learn respect for each other.

We Aim to

- **Broaden their minds to increase their knowledge in all academic subjects**
- **Prepare them , while they develop their knowledge to be ready to tackle different issues; human, social, cultural and scientific.**
- **Develop the intellectual and cognitive skills as physical, social and artistic participants**
- **Prepare our students to be responsible citizens, conscious not only of their rights but also of their duties as being part of our “Human Family” and to take care of our “Earth Home”.**

