

Principal's Message to Parents

As we begin the new school year, parents, teachers and students anticipate the forward movement of their educational trajectory. Looking ahead to learn new concepts and demonstrate their mastery of selected skills, which to a large extent are based on the body of knowledge they have already acquired, students settle down to study. Parents should ensure that students have the required textbooks and the basic reference books which include a dictionary and an atlas. Many families have a computer in the home, and this is advantageous because it allows students to do research on the Internet and to build up their technological skills. All of our students, from nursery to SS3 gain exposure to computer studies and can benefit from using the keyboard at home.

The Computer Typing Competition.

Students need to learn how to type because it helps them in note-taking and writing reports. Many of the public exams they will take are computer based, and most of the jobs they will perform later require computer literacy. Our typing competition, organized from The African Heritage Village, comprises of cross-curricular components including Language Arts, Science, Geography, History, and Current Events. Our theme is "Beautiful Birds of Africa," which allows us to talk about ecology, conservation, aeronautics, ornithology, entomology, mathematics, and tourism!

Students have a typing script. They read, listen to it being read by the principal, watch mini films based on the particular bird, and practice typing the script. This year Nursery 2 will be introduced to birds of Africa, but they will not be included in the competition. They will study birds as part of their science syllabus.

We Work as a Team

Parents and teachers need to work together for the progress of our children. Parents should ensure that students come to school on time, well dressed, well behaved and prepared to learn. Scheduled bedtime and wake-up time is helpful. If a child is sick, he or she should not come to school, and parents should schedule an appoint with the doctor.

Teachers should ensure that the lessons they teach are reinforced by practical knowledge and that they review lesson objectives and try to reach every child by asking questions and engaging in discussions that give an indication of how well the students have understood the lesson. Reading is essential for every subject, so emphasis should be placed on building solid reading skills in the early grades. If there are problems, teachers and parents can meet in a parent-teacher conference, convened by the Administrator, to discuss the progress of the child. Teaching requires patience, hard work, and optimism!