

Welcome to Grade 4!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Grade 4! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

We hope you enjoy your new class and we extend a special welcome from ISS to all our new families. We believe that your involvement is important to your child's education and we welcome your questions, help and support.

Here is some information about our classes:

Curriculum

This year we will be continuing our work on the IB PYP (International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme). This is a concept-driven inquiry based programme. The children will begin to ask questions and learn how to gather information and find the answers to their questions. We will study six different Units of Inquiry throughout the year. This programme integrates with our Maths, Language and Specialist Programmes. We will study six Units of Inquiry throughout the year:

- Who We Are
- Sharing the Planet
- How We Organise Ourselves
- How The World Works
- Where We Are In Place And Time
- How We Express Ourselves

Items Your Child Will Need for School:

- **AN INDIVIDUAL PENCIL CASE WITH: Pencils, an eraser, a glue stick, a pair of scissors, a pack of markers/pencil crayons (or both) and a ruler. A PAIR OF PERSONAL HEADPHONES will also be required (starting the second week of school). Notebooks will be provided.**
- A durable school bag that is large enough for a snack, lunch, a water bottle and library books, school notebooks etc.
- If your child reacts to insect bites, then we recommend you send in some insect repellent
- A snack to eat during the morning and a lunch (either packed or ordered) and a reusable water bottle

Communication

Email is the best way to communicate questions, requests or information with the homeroom teachers. Please make sure you check your email regularly.

CLASSROOM TEACHER: Anjana Dayal - adayal@iss.edu.sg

Snack and Lunch Time

Please send healthy snacks, no fizzy drinks or chocolate bars and NO NUTS, as some children have nut allergies and we will be eating in the classroom. Each child should have a large reusable water bottle at school every day. The children have the option to pre-order food from the school caterer or purchase food daily from the canteen, however **PACKED LUNCH IS REQUIRED THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.**

P.E.

The children need to wear their P.E. clothes to school on the days they have P.E. and only those days. Otherwise, students are required to wear their regular school uniform. **P.E. timing for Grade 4 will be Tuesdays and Fridays.**

Homework

We expect that your child reads a minimum of 20 minutes daily. This reading is certainly not restricted to books brought home from school. It is important and very valuable for your child to have their own reading library and that they also choose books for pure pleasure and enjoyment. The rest of the homework expectations and guidelines will be communicated at the Parent Evening later in August.

We also highly recommend that you read to your child in your Mother Tongue. Read, read, read! You will be advised at a later stage with regards to other homework tasks as we progress through the units. A Homework book will come home each Monday and work should then be completed for Friday.

Library

Your child will borrow books from the library at least once a week. Please ensure books are returned by the following week. Your child may also change their books before and after school throughout the week.

Parent Evening

There will be a parent evening towards the end of August (more information with timings will be sent from the principal at a later date). During this meeting homework expectations and information about the curriculum will be covered.

On the following page you will find the *Grade 4 Class Timetable*.

We hope you and your child enjoy the year!

Sincerely,

Anjana Dayal

Grade 4 Teacher and Student Support Leader for Primary

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G4 Schedule					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PERIOD 1 8:00 - 8:40	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Mandarin	Literacy
PERIOD 2 8.40 - 9.20	Literacy	Literacy	Library	Literacy	P.E.
BREAK 9:20 - 9.40					
SNACK 9:40 - 9.55					
PERIOD 3 10.00 - 11:00	Math	P.E.	Math	Math	Math
PERIOD 4 11:00 - 12:00	Mandarin	Math	Unit	Performing Arts	Unit
LUNCH 12.00 - 12:20					
BREAK 12.20 - 12.50					
PERIOD 5 12:55 - 13:50	Unit	Mandarin	Visual Arts	Unit	Unit
BREAK 13.50 - 14.00					
PERIOD 6 14:00 - 14:45	Unit	ECA	Unit	ECA	ASSEMBLY