Greetings Early Years (Nursery, KG1, KG2) Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to the new families who have entrusted their children’s learning to us. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential and have a joyful learning journey. This year, like every year, we will continue to focus on making our vision and mission the core of our daily work with children, teachers and parents. The EY teachers have been diligently and carefully preparing and planning for an exciting school year.

On Wednesday, September 2nd, we will open our school door to welcome you to the new school year.

Please take time to read this entire opening letter so that you can learn about some expectations and routines for this year:

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL AND ARRIVES ON TIME EACH DAY

It is very important that children are present and on time every day! Classroom doors open at 7:30 sharp, children showing up before 7:30 should be accompanied by an adult for supervision. Classes begin at 8 a.m. The first 3 days of school (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday), dismissal is at 12:00. Starting Monday, we start running on a normal schedule 7:30-1:30.

Car gates for dismissal on AUB Street for each grade level are as follows:

- Gate 1 (facing AUB gate): KG2
- Gate 2 (lower school library): KG1
- Gate 3: Nursery

Nursery parents, please adhere to the staggered entrance schedule the first 3 days.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH IS THE BACK TO SCHOOL AFTERNOON

Dismissal on that day is at 12:00 for Early Years as the teachers will prepare to receive the parents at 2:00 in their classrooms and share with them the grade level program, expectations, routines and schedule. More information regarding the ‘Back to School Afternoon’ will be sent in my next Monday Mail. For now, mark your calendar and plan to attend this very important event.

PACK A HEALTHY SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD

Snack for Early Years children is not provided by school nor is it an option for parents to order it through the cafeteria. Each child brings their healthy snack and we will provide a different kind of drink at snack time every day (fresh orange juice, milk or yogurt (laban Airan)). Later in the day, we offer children a fruit or vegetable snack. Each child is to bring his/her water bottle every day. Water dispensers are available on each floor for refills. The snack menu will be posted on the website at the beginning of each month.
Make sure you buy a backpack big enough to fit your child’s lunchbox, the library book (to be checked out every cycle) and school work. Bags with no rollers are preferable.

NO DRESS CODE FOR EARLY YEARS

There’s no dress code for the Nursery, KG1 & KG2 children. However, make sure that your child comes to school wearing comfortable clothes to allow for freedom of movement. Also keep in mind that children may smear and dirty their clothes as they explore in their environment. They wear smocks when they paint; however, getting messy is quite inevitable in EY.

LOG ONTO THE ACS WEBSITE

If you haven’t read the useful information pertinent to the EY division on the ACS website, please do so before school starts. Make sure you carefully read the parent handbook as it will help answer many of your questions and inquiries. You will also find the Master and the EY calendar marked with all the events and holidays for this year.

MONDAY MAIL

We communicate with parents via email as we are a Go Green school. Therefore, any information the teachers and I want to relay to you, will be communicated through emails. More on communication between home and school will be shared with you at the ‘Back to School Afternoon’.

Every Monday you will receive a letter from me in which I share some EY news as well as helpful tips to do with your children at home in order to ensure consistency between home and school. Make sure you always read my Monday Mail.

Should you require any further clarification, please don’t hesitate to contact me at syaseen@acs.edu.lb or 01374370 ext. 2101 or 2200.

A document to help your child transition into school has been put together by the EY counselor Ms. Nadine Jurdi and attached to this email. Please read the useful tips that will help reduce your anxiety as well as your child’s.

Looking forward to meeting you all on Wednesday, September 2nd.

EY Vision

Nothing without Joy

ACS Mission Statement

“ACS empowers students to solve problems with creativity and integrity, to lead well-balanced lives, and to serve Lebanon and the world community with understanding and compassion.”