

FALCON PRIDE

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أكاديمية قطر
Qatar Academy

عضو في مؤسسة قطر
Member of Qatar Foundation

PRIMARY SCHOOL AKHBAR



'Random Acts of Kindness'
Sarah, Gr 1E was celebrated for being a caring friend. She helped her friend who was having trouble tying her shoelace.
Well done Sarah!

Our Guiding Statements

Vision

Empowering students to achieve high levels of academic growth and personal wellbeing and to be responsible citizens who are locally rooted and globally connected.

Mission

At Qatar Academy Doha we offer a rigorous academic program with strong Arabic and Islamic Studies. Our school community develops and challenges learners to be active, internationally minded citizens who demonstrate environmental consciousness.

Values

At Qatar Academy Doha we are **SAFE, RESPECTFUL** and **RESPONSIBLE** learners.



Director's Message

رسالة المدير

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

أتمنى أن تكونوا قد حظيتم أنتم وأطفالكم بأسبوع جيد. لقد كان من الملحوظ رؤية أعداد الطلاب الذين يحضرون إلى المدرسة كل يوم وكم هو أمر جيد رؤيتهم وهم يتبعون روتين الإجراءات الاحترازية.

ستلاحظون أن عدد حالات كورونا الإيجابية قد بدأت في الارتفاع مرة أخرى في قطر مع تجاوز عدد الحالات الجديدة بالأمس - 300 حالة لأول مرة منذ أسابيع عديدة - لذا يرجى الاستمرار في توخي الحذر الشديد بشأن إرسال أطفالكم إلى المدرسة في حال كانوا على اتصال بحالة إيجابية أو إذا ظهرت عليهم أي علامات أو أعراض.

في هذه الظروف، من الأفضل توخي الحذر، بدلاً من المخاطرة بنقل الفيروس إلى عائلات أخرى، ذلك بالطبع، إذا لم يكن أي من طلابنا على اتصال بأي حالة إيجابية وهم بصحة جيدة، فنحن نأمل بشدة أن يأتوا إلى المدرسة شخصيًا.

لقد كان من المثير للاهتمام الاطلاع على دراسات نشرت مؤخراً عن بلدان أخرى أغلقت مدارسها لعدة أسابيع أو حتى أشهر والتي توضح التأثير السلبي لعدم قدرة تواصل هؤلاء الأطفال اجتماعيًا. نحن نعلم أن الدراسة عبر الإنترنت جيدة، لكن الأطفال قطعاً بحاجة إلى التفاعل واللعب مع أقرانهم. نرجوا أن نتمكن من الترحيب بجميع طلابنا قريباً.

لقد قمت بإرسال رسالة نصية قصيرة إلى جميع أولياء الأمور خلال الأسبوع لإعلامكم بإغلاق الطرق والبوابات حالياً في المدينة التعليمية، وذلك لدعم الترتيبات الخاصة بمباريات كأس العالم للأندية، والتي ستقام على استاد المدينة التعليمية في فبراير. ستقام المباراة الأولى على ملعب المدينة التعليمية يوم الخميس 4 فبراير. سيكون يومنا المدرسي كالمعتاد تماماً ولن يكون للمباراة أي تأثير على الدوام المدرسي ذلك اليوم.

أرجو لكم نهاية أسبوع سعيدة.

أفضل الأمنيات،

ستيفن ميك



Director's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your children have had a good week. Certainly, it has been noticeable just how many students we have at the school each day and it has been very good to see them happily following the new routines of temperature control and social distancing, without a second thought.

You will have noticed that the number of Covid-19 cases has begun to rise again within the country with yesterday's figure of new cases passing 300 for the first time for many weeks. Please, therefore, do continue to be very cautious about sending your children to school, if there has been any chance that they may have been in contact with a positive case or if they are showing any signs of being unwell. In these circumstances, it is better to be cautious, rather than to run the risk of passing the virus on to other families. Of course, if your children have been nowhere near any cases and are feeling fine, then we very much hope that they will come to school in person. It has been interesting to read the studies from other countries, whose schools have been closed for many weeks or even months, just what an impact the lack of social connection is having on children who cannot go to school. To study online is fine, but children need to interact and play with children their own age. Let us hope that it will not be too long before we are able to welcome all the students back into the school each day.

I sent an SMS to all families during the week to advise everyone about the Gate and road closures which are taking place in Education City, in order to support the arrangements for the Club World Cup matches which are being played in the Education City Stadium in February. I hope that the new arrangements have not been too inconvenient for your family. The first match of the Club World Cup in the Education City Stadium will take place on Thursday, 4th February. Our school day will be completely as normal and the match will have no impact upon our arrangements, so your children's day will not be affected.

I hope that you will enjoy a good weekend with your family.

Best wishes,

Stephen Meek



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see some of you in the last couple of weeks as you accompanied our students for MAP assessments or for admissions into school. Best of luck to the students on both counts.

Staff professional development this week included a refresher on our anti-bullying policy and our positive behaviour management of all of our students. We have tight systems set up to capture students' well-being and are well versed in any situation which may arise.

I am most proud of our students this week who participated in the extra reading intervention classes, that support English and Arabic understanding. Their commitment to the 10-12 week programme will really benefit their comprehension. Thank you to all those parents who have supported this.

Our After School Activities and Clubs are here and start Sunday. The signup and expected participation is tremendous. Well done everyone and thank you parents for your support. The best schools have active kids.

We will be in touch with you shortly as we nominate this year's Akhlaquna Junior Award and Education Excellence Award nominee. More information and a workshop to come on this. We look forward to supporting you all in this.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stay safe and warm

Mrs. Green



Important Notices



Parent and Caregiver Workshop Announcement

The Learning Center and Qatar Academy Schools will be offering a workshop on the following topic:
Interventions for Common Early Years Behaviors

Date: Tuesday February 23

Time: 12:30pm

Link: meet.google.com/khk-xkfw-tgs

This workshop is for Parents, Nannies, and Caregivers

This workshop will address the questions that every parent or caregiver has:

What are normal behaviors for my child's age?

Why is my child behaving like this?

What can I do to help?

I think something may be wrong, what should I do?

How can I arrange my home for virtual learning?

Presenter Bio:

Shariffah Azzaam is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst from Pennsylvania, USA. She holds a Masters in Special Education and a Post Masters Certification in Applied Behavior Analysis. She has been the Behavior Specialist for Qatar Academy Schools for 5 years and has over 20 years experience working in the Education Sector. She is an international speaker who has presented both locally and internationally at Applied Behavior Analysis International, Global Autism Conference, and EdEx Qatar. She specializes in Behavior Interventions.

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Football Opportunity



ASPIRE
ACADEMY

The **Elite Teams Boys football training** with the QF/QAD boys from 1st of February from **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm** for the **age groups of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016** on the below schedule:

Sundays and Tuesdays: **2013 & 2016** will train.
Mondays and Wednesdays: **2014 & 2015** will train.

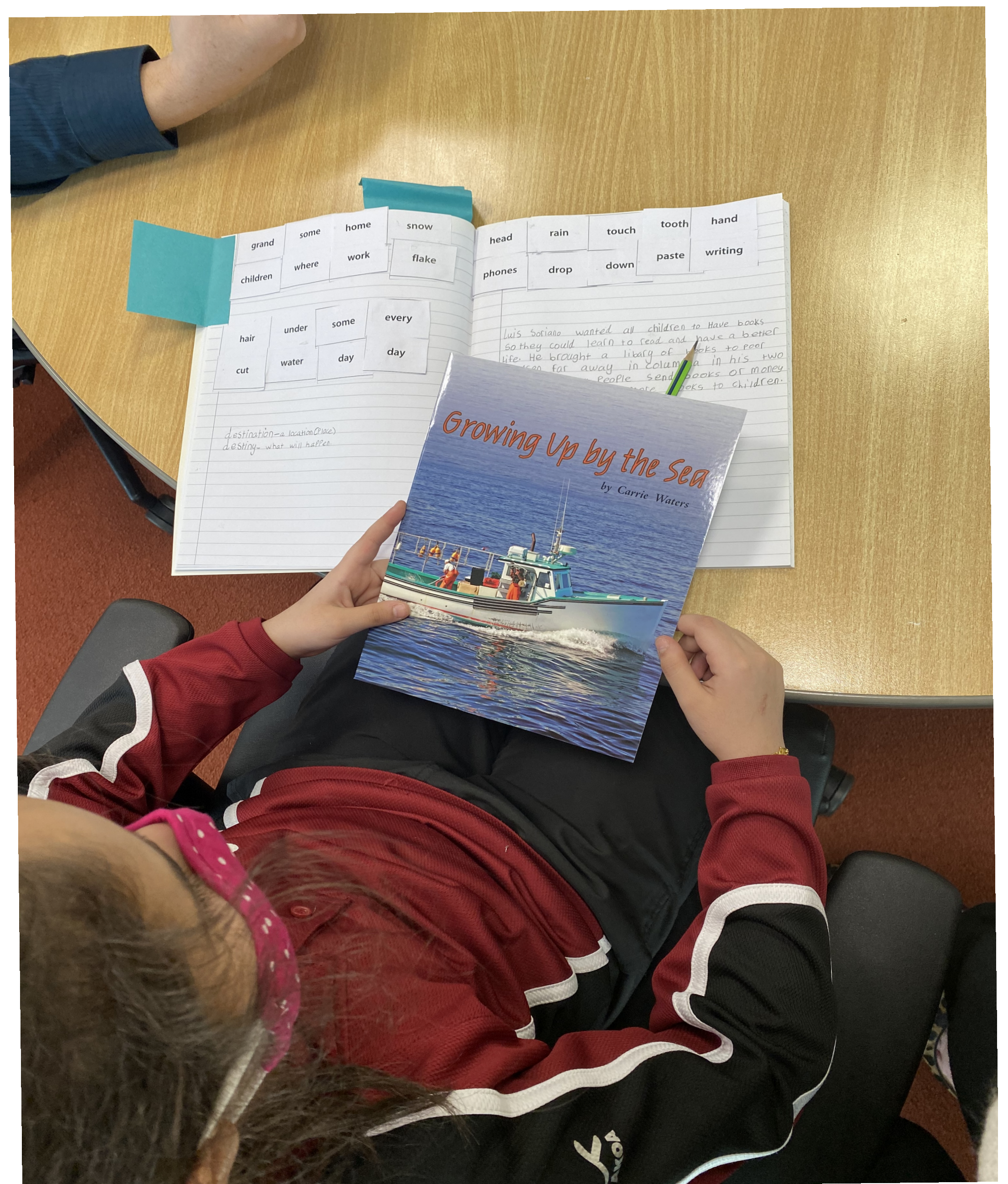
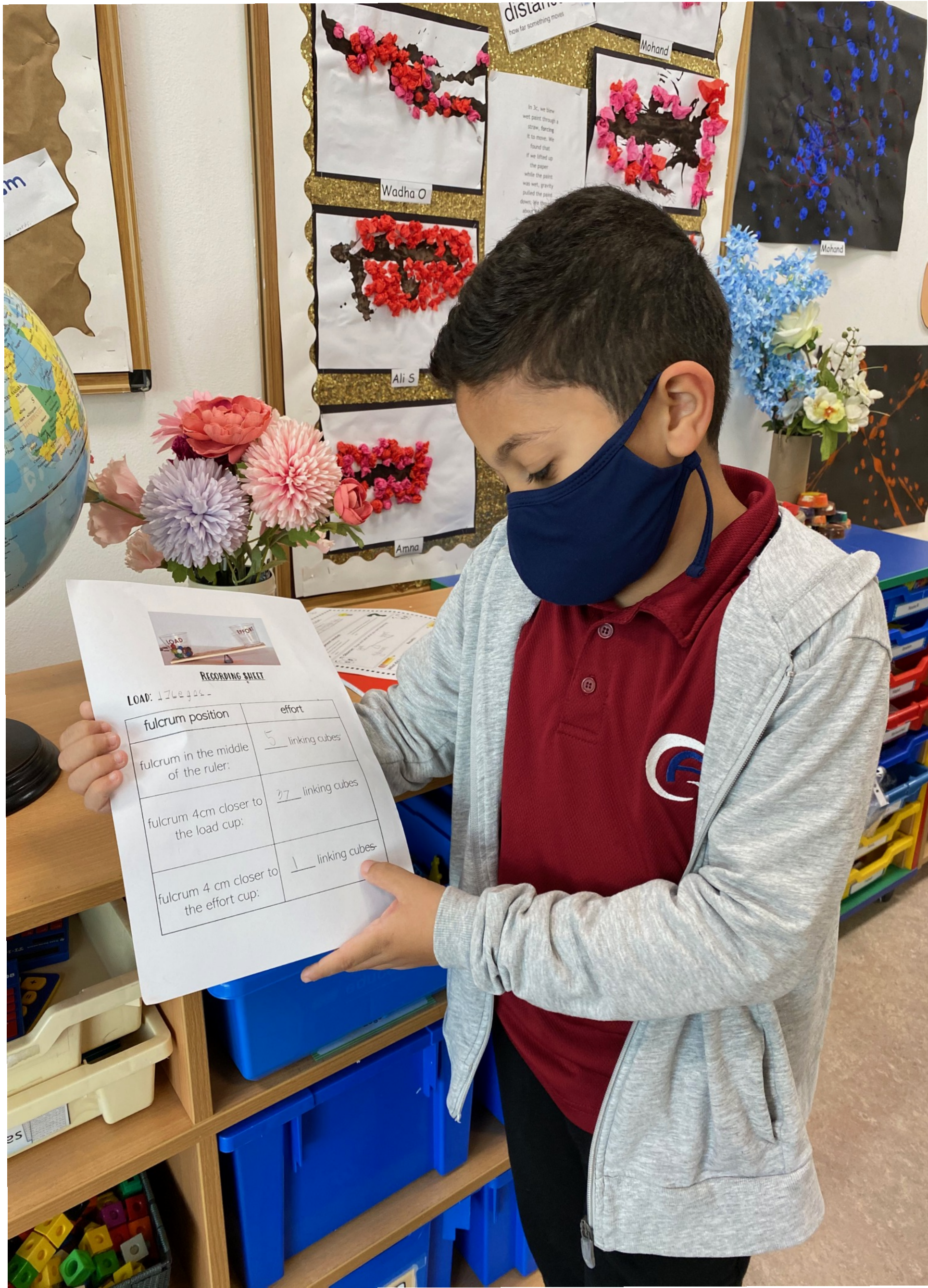
If you want more details please contact the Rec Centre
OR register

recreationcentre@qf.org.qa
44540772

*Students can also register at the Pitch on the starting day.



Learning in Action





Term 2 Activities & Clubs

Term 2 Activities and Clubs will start THIS week January 31st.

If you **still want to join** an activity log into your SchoolsBuddy find an activity and click the "**Request to Join**" button. If there is a spot in the activity we will reply with a confirmation email.

If you need support please message Mrs. Kennedy or Mrs. Muneera Al-Mannai via Dojo. We are happy to help!

How can I activate my SchoolsBuddy account to register my child for activities?

Click below for a support guide or follow instructions

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gWLBHtVTaSwubrHVgbShJzGBACgRLpAmIFZEjq02uGQ/edit?usp=sharing>

You have received an email from SchoolsBuddy to activate your account for QADs After School Activities and/or Clubs.

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

على بريدكم المسجل لدينا. هذا البرنامج يساعدكم في اختيار SchoolsBuddy لقد وصلكم بريد إلكتروني من برنامج أنشطة ما بعد المدرسة المناسبة لطفلكم. يرجى اتباع الخطوات التالية لتسجيل حسابكم في البرنامج

Please follow these steps:

1. Open the email that you've received in your inbox.

افتح الرسالة الإلكترونية التي وصلت بريدكم الإلكتروني

2. Click on the link to register and to create your password

اضغط على الرابط الموجود في الرسالة

3. Create your password, please notice the criterias of creating the password

قم بإنشاء كلمة السر الخاصة بك، يرجى اتباع التعليمات الموجودة في الصفحة، سيطلب منك أن تتكون كلمة السر من: Ahmed#123 حرف كبير، حرف صغير، رقم، رمز خاص وأن يكون مجموع طول كلمة السر لا يقل عن ستة مثلا

4. You're now ready to use "School Buddies" to register and give permission for QAD's After School Activities and/or Clubs. You will receive an email indicating that you have successfully activated your account.

سيصلكم بريد إلكتروني يؤكد أن حسابكم تم تنشيطه، كذلك ستتمكنون من الدخول على الصفحة الرئيسية للبرنامج عن طريق المتصفح

Click below to access the Weekly Schedule for Term 2

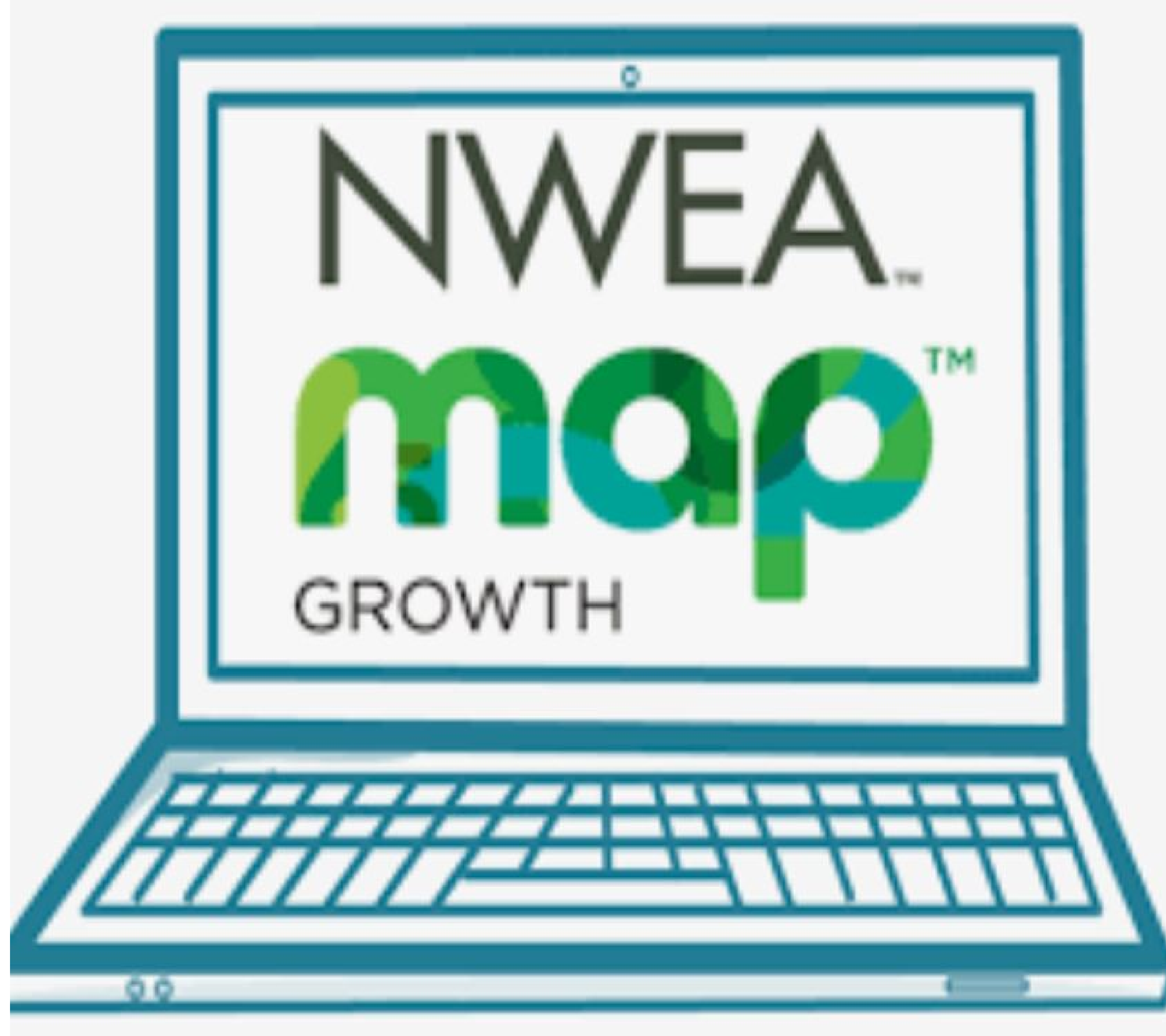
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CXKHhkb4SfLy1sZ1IP9o-3a02riLyiz14GDatZo7jio/edit?usp=sharing>

Click below for the registration support guide

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/110tlu8lExWfUqaZBcMhYl3iIsFX1g8XAsNhGQ2XUVCA/edit?usp=sharing>



MAP TESTING



Dear Parents,

All students in Grades 1-5 will be completing the MAP Growth Assessments this week. The MAP assessment is one of the measures that we use to determine how our students are progressing, and what they are ready to learn. Results will be shared with you at the next conference.

It is important that students are well prepared for the test so they can do their best so we have the best possible information about your child's needs.

Tips for parents -

- Encourage your child to try their best
- Ensure they have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast
- Bring them to school on time so they are prepared and ready

Students who are not attending school will be invited through a Dojo message soon to attend school on the next two Tuesdays at a specific time.

Seith Lewis
Curriculum Coordinator