

Right to Read – Reading Week Edition

It is almost time for the reading week and we are very excited to have our students experience one week of different stories from around the world!

From 6th to 10th December, for five days, the students and staff at the Kindergarten Starters will drop everything and read.

We have local authors in collaboration with the Emirates Literature Foundation, authors and readers from around the world, parents, students and teachers on board who will read to our students not only in English but also Arabic, French, Hindi and Malayalam. We are more than excited to kick this off as soon as our students come back from the short break!

We think reading to students helps them make connections, explore responses and raise and answer questions. We want them to become responsive readers who can think responsibly about what we see and hear and perhaps develop a love for reading themselves. This week will give them more than they would have learned through the term if we choose our authors and readers wisely.

No studying! Only Reading! We will discover the world of new authors, genres and books! Read for pleasure! Welcome to Right to Read – Reading Week Edition!

Kindly note the agenda and attendee links for all the sessions:

08:00 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Grade 1	Opening Plenary
	06/12/2020	https://www.youtube.com/c/thekindergartenstarters

Please note: The opening plenary will be viewable only 10 minutes prior to the event on the channel

Time	Day 1	Grade 1
	06/12/2020	Attendee Links
8:30-9:10 a.m.	Barack and Michelle Obama Reading	Attendee Link:(Day 1) Session-1 (Grades 1)
9:15 – 10:15a.m.	Ms. Christine De Noronha	Attendee Link: (Day 1) Session-2 (Grades 1)
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Ms. Nidhi Liza Thomas	Attendee Link: (Day 1) Session-3 (Grades 1)
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Break	Break
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Kauser Nooreen	Attendee Link: (Day 1) Session-4 (Grades 1)

1:15-1:50 p.m.	'Snappy The Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)' read by David Harbour	Attendee Link: (Day 1) Session-5 (Grades 1)
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Time	Day 2	Grade 1
	07/12/2020	Attendee Links
8:00 -9:00 a.m.	KHDA	Attendee Link : Day2-Session-1 (Grade-1)
9:15 – 10:15a.m.	Mr. Carl Roberts	Attendee Link: Day 2- Session- 2 (Grade-1)
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Ms. Sylvia Garcias	Attendee Link: Day 2- Session- 3 (Grade-1)
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Break	Break
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Mr. Alfonso	Attendee Link: Day 2- Session- 4 (Grade-1)
1:15-1:50 p.m.	'When a Dragon Moves In' read by Mark Duplass	Attendee Link: Day 2- Session- 5 (Grade-1)

Time	Day 3	Grade 1
	08/12/2020	Attendee Links
8:00 -9:00 a.m.	Ms. Shiannon	Attendee Link: Day 3 - Session- 1 (Grade-1)
9:15 – 10:15a.m.	Ms. Asha Alexander	Attendee Link: Day 3- Session- 2 (Grade-1)
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Abhay Mohan	Attendee Link: Day 3- Session- 3 (Grade-1)
11:00 – 12:00 noon	Break	Break
12:15-1:00 p.m.	Ms. Praseetha Arunkumar	Attendee Link: Day 3- Session- 4 (Grade-1)
1:05-1:50 p.m.	Michael Ross	https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/86165491575

Time	Day 4	Grade 1
	09/12/2020	Attendee Links
8:00 -9:00 a.m.	<i>Stefanie Optiz</i>	Attendee Link: Day-4 - Session-1 - Grade-1
9:15 – 10:15a.m.	<i>Ms. Namratha Rose</i>	Attendee Link: Day-4 - Session-2 - Grade-1
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Break	Break
11:00 – 12:00 noon	<i>Ms. Gloria Barnett</i>	https://gemseducation.zoom.us/j/84641874144
12:15-1:00 p.m.	<i>Parent - Ms. Dhivya</i>	Attendee Link: Day-4 - Session-4 - Grade-1
1:15-1:50 p.m.	<i>Mr. Matthew Burfield</i>	Attendee Link: Day-4 - Session-5 - Grade-1

Time	Day 5	Grade 1
	10/12/2020	Attendee Links
8:00 -9:00 a.m.	<i>Ms. Ananya Chakraborty - Horton Hears a Who</i>	Attendee Link: Day 5 - Session- 1 (Grade 1)
9:15 – 10:15a.m.	<i>Parent - Ms. Swati Bandre (Backup - Ms. Shruti Shimpi)</i>	Attendee Link: Day 5 - Session- 2 (Grade 1)
10:15-11:00 a.m.	Break	Break
11:00 – 12:00 noon	<i>Sara Sadik</i>	Attendee Link: Day 5 - Session- 3 (Grade 1)
12:15-1:00 p.m.	<i>Ms. Viny Agnes</i>	Attendee Link: Day 5 - Session- 4 (Grade 1)
1:15-1:50 p.m.	<i>Ms. Nisha Mohsin</i>	Attendee Link: Day 5 - Session- 5 (Grade 1)

Do not miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity of having so many authors, parents and teachers reading to you!
Remember, it is your right to read!

Thank you.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Asha Alexander', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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