



EVERGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Primary 2 Term 1 2018 Level Letter

Happy New Year to you! On behalf of the level, I would like to welcome the primary two students back to School.

Every Student, An Engaged Learner

To begin with, I would like to get you to clear your mind and shelf away any thoughts that you may be having now. Just step into a moment of imagination with me: Imagine a school with a rich and stimulating environment. Imagine your child coming home, excited to share with you, skills he/she has picked up from lessons conducted or his/her positive experiences from school. Imagine being greeted with your child's smiles daily as he/she narrates excitedly about school after a tiring day at work. Yes! This is the image that we are hoping to achieve in 2018.

You may wonder why I am asking you to imagine these. It is simply because that would be the Primary 2 level theme for the year: **IMAGINATION**. This year every level will have a theme and ours is **Imagination**. Several programmes and activities have been planned for your child based on the level theme. The objectives are to arouse curiosity, encourage creativity and innovation, and instill the belief that with the courage to dream, their dreams will come true. That would bring you to our level motto, "**Dare to Imagine, Achieve our Dreams!**".

As a level, we have also identified "Responsibility" as the key value for Term 1. We would like our students to know responsibilities, take responsibility, act responsibly and grow to become responsible. We would instill in the students that being responsible leads to more trust and autonomy in making decisions. You can assist us to build this value by assigning your child simple tasks and getting him/her to be responsible for the tasks given. You can also make use of every teachable moment to highlight or discuss the value with your child.

In our school, we advocate, **Think Good, Do Good and Speak Good** at all times to build healthy relationships. Students must respect themselves, their peers, teachers and school property at all times. This is in line with our school motto, **Pure in Act**.

Birthday Celebrations at School

In view of ensuring that the well-being of all students are taken care of, the school **will not allow individual birthday celebrations** in class or at the canteen. Some students have food allergies and also specific dietary requirements and hence such celebrations do pose a safety problem for our students. We also do not want to promote a class divide by giving out goodie bags and gifts as not all families can afford such practices. To cultivate a culture of simplicity and appreciation, students' birthdays will be marked through simple and meaningful practices

in the class. As such, the teachers will guide the students in singing a birthday song with the class for the students celebrating their birthdays for that month, to acknowledge the students' birthdays and for their friends to be given the opportunity to wish them well. Your understanding and kind cooperation is much appreciated.

Multi-Modal Programme (MMP)

Our students will also be engaged in the school's Multi-Modal Programme in Term 1. The level's MMP module for Term 1 is a Language Arts Module focusing on Reader's Theatre in Terms 1 and 2. Reader's theater is a strategy for developing reading fluency. It involves students in oral reading through reading parts in scripts. It helps to promote fluency, guides students to learn how to read aloud with expression and build confidence. At the end of Term 2, the students will come together as a level to put up a **level performance on 22 May 2018**. Parents will be invited to watch this performance. Details of the level performance will be given to the parents in Term 2. Please refer to the tentative schedule shown in the table below.

Term 1 (8wk)									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Orientation	9/1/18	16/1/18	23/1/18	30/1/18	6/2/18	13/2/18	20/2/18	27/2/18	6/3 Consolidation
	✓ (1)	✓ (2)	✓ (3)	✓ (4)	✓ (5)	✓ (6)	✓ (7)	✓ (8)	

Do refer to the principal's letter for more information with regard to MMP.

Next, I would like to share a story about imagination and creativity written from the writer's perspective.

What I'm about to tell you happened a long, long time ago, when I went to visit my Aunt Nina. She lived in an old house, **with a great courtyard and many flowers**. I loved going to stay with Nina because I could play in her garden in the mornings, help her cook, and above all... have breakfast in bed!

She always made my bed up on a sofa which stood against a wall in her bedroom. **There I used to sleep every night**, and as I was drifting off I liked to look at a big damp stain on the wall. I tried to make shapes out of that stain: faces, characters. One rainy night something very strange happened. Suddenly, **I saw something extraordinary come out of that wall**. It looked like a ghost made of cotton... except that it was dark, as dark as thunderclouds.

I felt the ghost touching my shoulder, and as it did so, it turned into a grey lady of incredible beauty. Then, in a deep, but sweet, kind voice she said:

"Good evening! My name is Storm, **and don't let my colour fool you**, I'm really a very good fairy. Want to come with me?"

And she offered me her hand. It was a slim, transparent hand, and smelled of raindrops. **I was so surprised that I could not answer**. The next thing I knew, I had been carried by some invisible force, taken from the warmth of my bed, **and transported through the bedroom wall**, through the middle of that damp stain...