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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Primary 4 Term One 2018 Level Letter

A warm welcome to Evergreen Primary School's Primary 4 family. 2018 will be an important year for your child/ward as he/she starts his/her journey into the final year in the foundation stage of Primary Education before moving to the 2-year orientation stage of P5 and P6. This year, we will continue to work with you and your child/ward in reaching his/her potential. We look forward to partnering with you in this exciting journey with your child/ward!

Each term, you will receive a letter which serves to inform and update you on matters pertaining to the P4 level. We seek your patience in thoroughly reading the contents of the letters. Should you have any queries or are in need of any clarification, do contact or email your child's/ward's form teacher. It is strongly recommended that you call the General Office at 6368 7705 to make an appointment with your child's/ward's teacher should you wish to meet him/her.

Every Student, An Engaged Learner

We believe in nurturing the joy of learning so that every child can discover his interests, grow his passions, and love what he is doing. Our school will be an exciting place for our students to acquire knowledge and skills, where learning is fun and with the necessary rigour. We encourage learning through play. This year, we have planned varied and fun learning experiences for our students, to stimulate interests and curiosity.

Level Theme

Our P4 level theme this year is "**Innovators**". In line with one of our school's shared values, "Dare to innovate", we want to instill in our students a spirit of enterprise. An enterprising person is able to quickly analyse complex issues and identify problems and gaps, develop new ideas, seize opportunities and take action. All level programmes and activities for our students will be anchored on the level theme to make learning meaningful and engaging.

Level Motto

Our P4 level motto, "***There is a way to do it better - find it.***" will be guiding our students' way of thinking. This mind-set of continuously improving came from America's greatest inventor, Mr Thomas Edison. We will help our students venture out of their comfort zones and fail-safe modes. We will create a learning environment where trying is encouraged and failing is accepted as a step towards success and as part of overall learning.

Let me share with you an inspiring story about Mr Thomas Edison. We all know he perfected the phonograph by recording "Mary Had a Little Lamb" on a piece of tin foil. He invented the light bulb as well as the power grid system, which could generate electricity and deliver it to homes through a network of wires. He also invented the world's first talking doll. He worked extremely hard and registered 1,093 patents. Throughout his life, Edison continued to invent or improve products and make significant contributions to X-ray technology, storage batteries, and motion pictures (movies). His inventions changed the world forever. They still influence the way we live today. However, as a child, Thomas Edison struggled in school but learned to love reading and conducting experiments. He could not have become what he was if not for the support and faith of his mother.

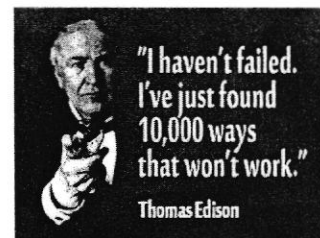
One day, Thomas Edison came home and gave a paper to his mother. He told her, "My teacher gave this paper to me and told me to only give it to my mother."

His mother's eyes were tearful as she read the letter out loud to her child: Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have enough good teachers for training him. Please teach him yourself.

After many, many years, after Edison's mother died and he was now one of the greatest inventors of the century, one day he was looking through old family things. Suddenly he saw a folded paper in the corner of a drawer in a desk. He took it and opened it up.

On the paper was written: Your son is addled [mentally ill]. We won't let him come to school any more.

Edison cried for hours and then he wrote in his diary: "Thomas Alva Edison was an addled child that, by a hero mother, became the genius of the century."



Adapted from <http://rishikajain.com/2015/10/07/a-truly-inspiring-story-of-success-thomas-edison/>

Our students are fortunate to be in the Singapore education system where as educators, guided by the Singapore Curriculum Philosophy, we believe every child wants to and can learn. As we provide the safe and caring environment for our students in school, we hope parents will share our beliefs in your child and give your utmost support to your child.

Values for Term 1

In our school, we advocate '**Think Good, Do Good, Speak Good**'. Students must respect themselves, their peers, teachers and school property at all times. We believe in nurturing socially responsible, values-centred students who care for their family, our community and our Singapore.

In Term 1, the value that our level will focus on is 'Respect'. Our students will set character targets and work towards internalizing and demonstrating 'Respect' in their daily interactions.

Primary 4: Multi-Modal Programme (MMP) – Enterprise: Innovation & Service (Toy Making)

Our P4 students will be engaged in the school's Multi-Modal Programme in Term 1. The P4 level's MMP module for Term 1 will be an interdisciplinary project centered around the making of toys. The purpose of the project is allow students to integrate skills learnt from various subjects as well as to give them a platform to innovate and create.