

Welcome to Al Ittihad National Private School Elementary Section

Abu Dhabi Campus

Our vision is to develop a generation that adapts to its future and preserves its heritage. Our school aims at providing equal chances of education and learning for all students of different levels. Students have the right to receive appropriate opportunities to develop in a rich learning environment that allows them to mature socially, cognitively and academically.

School Timing the school timing is from 7:30am -2:35 pm. Students are expected to arrive to school at 7:30 am. Parents' punctuality in sending their children to school on time (7:30AM) is very important to start a successful day.

Classes start at 8:00 am. Students should come to school wearing their school uniform. A good sleep and a healthy breakfast will help your child to have a smooth and joyful day at school. We request that parents call the school before 8:00 o'clock in case of a child's absence. When students are dismissed at 2:35, parents and nannies should have their dismissal badge and come to the classrooms to pick up their children.

Communication with school :Children benefit when there is positive and meaningful two-way communication between home and school. To communicate with school, parents can call, come for a scheduled meeting or e-mail the school. In addition, the parents can also communicate with the teachers through the student's Diary. Communication between parents and school is very important for the development of the student's academic and social performance .

We follow the American curriculum which has been approved by the Ministry of Education. We teach the Harcourt journeys in English, Math and Science. The Arabic subjects follow the curriculum of the Ministry of Education. To apply these programs, the school hires highly qualified teachers who are updated and trained to apply the latest educational methods and techniques in a multi-leveled class. In Grades 1-4, continuous assessments take place daily, weekly and monthly following specific criteria and rubrics. Three Progress Reports are sent home at the end of each term. Student's progress in school can be discussed with teachers on daily, weekly, and monthly basis .In addition, an Open Day takes place at the beginning of the year to inform parents about the curriculum, assessments, homework, activities and the educational methods implemented. Furthermore, two Parents/Teachers meetings take place during the school year where parents can discuss and inquire about the improvement of their son/daughter.

The Elementary Section Facilities :The Section is well equipped with rich facilities that help students in acquiring the skills needed for performing well. It has three computer labs, a big library, a Science lab, an Art room, students' I council, three outdoor play areas and an indoor playground, , an ESL room ,and a clinic. Our classrooms are spacious and class size varies from 20 to 25 students.

A big gym, two swimming pools, and two big green fields provide the students with a spacious area to exercise, have fun and build a well-balanced body.

Physical Education, Art and Computer in Al Ittihad School provides instruction , and opportunities for the use of technology as an essential part of every child's preparation for the future. All classes are equipped with high quality projectors, interactive boards and computers. The computer lab is very well equipped with a computer for each student.

An English Language Support program is implemented in Grades 1-4 to help the emergent learners in achieving better in the English language.

Our SEN Department helps students with special needs. A qualified teacher follows up with these students on regular basis and modifies work according to their needs.

A smart learning program was implemented , iPads are used by each student to reinforce our curriculum and enrich all concepts taught.

A Student Competence Framework program (SCF) was implemented to enrich and enhance our students' skills and thinking skills .

National Identity program is also another project that is implemented to work on building up students' belonging to their country and boost their self esteem.

In addition, our school encourages students to explore their artistic talents and potentials. One big Art room is provided for students to enjoy their individual interests. There is the possibility to work with painting and drawing as well as other art material.

Function ,activities ,and fieldtrips play an important role in the school life of our students. Educational and fun fieldtrips take place during the school year. Hands on activities take place regularly depending on the topic the students are studying.

The school functions play a major role in developing the academic and the social life of the students. Some of the school functions are The Reading Week (English and Arabic), The Future Entrepreneur Festival, The Book Fair, The STEAM Fair, The innovation week, The Formula One Program, and The Quran Competition Week.

Parents' involvement and cooperation in our functions make them more successful and enjoyable for everybody, the students, the administration and the school staff.

The Morning Assembly is an activity that develops the cognitive, the academic and the social aspects of our students' lives. The Morning Assembly takes place every morning from 7:30 – 8:00 o'clock. Programs are running according to the values that they should know, or news the students should be aware of, in addition to the advisory sessions that take place inside the class.

Motivation and Rewards: Rewarding students for their performance has a great effect in motivating them to put more effort into their work, best behavior class is awarded according to Class Dojo points, best attendance classes are also rewarded on regular basis.

In our school we have a Discipline Plan that is based on rewards and penalty. When students follow the school rules, they are rewarded and when school rules are broken the school follows precise consequences that take away certain privileges. In each grade level ,there is a reward system that teachers use to motivate students to achieve better, to feel proud of their work and to compete in a rich learning environment. Parents support in implementing the School's Discipline plan has an effective role in developing well behaved and responsible citizens. In addition, High achievers are rewarded at the end of each term for their progress and success. Students who work well and improve also are rewarded by displaying their certificates on the Students' Stars Wall.

Illness and Medication :When students get sick, the parents should report to school nurse for any medical case or medication to be given. The medication sent with the student to the nurse should have the student's name on and clear instructions. A medical excuse or a medical report should be submitted in case a student is absent from school for more than two days. In case of contagious allergies or flu (Chicken Pox / Flu) parents are kindly requested to

keep their kids at home. Students' medical information should always be updated and reported to the school's nurse.

Staying Healthy: Children need healthy food for energy, brain function, growth and development. Parents are kindly requested to send healthy food and snacks with their kids. A healthy snack consists of vegetables, fruits, dairy products and sandwiches. Chocolate, chewing gum, lollipops, chips, noodles, and rice are not allowed in school and we encourage parents not to buy them for their kids.

Birthday parties, toys and jewelry are also not allowed .Parents are requested not to send cakes or party favorites to school with their son/daughter.

Lost and Found :To avoid losing your son's/ daughter's personal things such as a jacket, a swim suit, a pencil case etc., the parents are requested to label their kids' belongings. If the items are found unlabeled, they'll be left in a box in the Lost and Found Area.

How can parents help?

Get involved in the school. Attend your child's special events and know their schedules. Get to know their school life and don't hesitate to volunteer for the many activities that need parental support. Most importantly teach your children to appreciate their time in school and to take responsibility for their work. Teach them to love reading and get to know their teachers. Parents make a difference when it comes to student's learning, motivation and choices in life. Parents are encouraged to check their son's/ daughter's diary on daily basis and help them in doing their homework consistently. Parents are asked to help the school in implementing the school's Discipline plan. Your cooperation with the school helps your children in maintaining a good conduct that helps them become good citizens in the society. Communication with school is very important and we highly appreciate and encourage it. Attending weekly and term meetings are important. Those meetings keep the parents updated about their

son's/daughter's performance in school. When parents change their address or their phone numbers, they are kindly requested to inform the school administration or the registrar's office.