# Jewels International School of Kinshasa

## From the Desk of Amina Munshi

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#### Dear Parents.

Thank you for making Halloween this year a great success!

We appreciate that families are working hard to get children to school on time; however, there are still some children who are consistently tardy. Please leave a few minutes earlier to ensure that you are at school on time. Thank you!

Teachers in the lower grades have been expressing their concerns because parents are not cooperating or respecting their policies. Parents, please do not interrupt the class while teaching is in progress. It is very distracting for all. Also, please do not try to "grab" a few minutes of a teacher's time before school. Teachers are ready and willing to meet with all of you, but you need to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

We are constantly updating our website. You can view the monthly newsletter, school calendar, etc. on-line at www.jewelsschoolkinshasa.com.

Please make sure you are checking your child's communication book and class WhatsApp groups on a daily basis. Any notes that are missing means that your child is intentionally removing them.

## Top 10 Study Strategies (Get Ready for Exams – Next month)

- 1. Beat procrastination! Teach your child, by example, not to put off tasks.
- 2. Instead of denying your child privileges for not studying, offer him/her rewards or incentives for getting his/her schoolwork done.
- 3. Get organized! Ensure that your grade-schooler has separate sections in their notebook for notes, homework, and graded materials for each class.
- 4. Make sure your child is taking notes in class- not only for information, but because it will help him/her see how much time his/her teacher spends on a subject area.
- After class or in the evenings, encourage your child to write a review of key ideas from each class.
- 6. Teach your child to be an active reader who outlines and annotates their textbooks.
  - If your child is not allowed to write in their books, have them keep these notes in a special notebook.
- 7. Encourage your child to read through textbook sections before they're reviewed in class.
- 8. When studying for a test, suggest that your child arranges class and reading notes chronologically to ensure that their studying the appropriate material.

- 9. Help your child create "fact sheets" of key ideas and terms scattered randomly on a page. If he/she can recall details in random order, they're stored in their brain.
- 10. A combination of memorization and concept comprehension will yield the longest lasting and most complete knowledge.

School insurance needs to be renewed every academic year. Please do the needful.

### **Important Dates for the month of November**



• 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving holiday. We will be organizing a Thanksgiving drive for our community helpers. Stay tuned.

#### Reminder

We will not be able to meet parents without an appointment. Also, non-essential visitors are not allowed at JISK.

## Please follow us on #INSTAGRAM jewels-kin

#### **Reading Log Policy**

JISK has a reading log policy from as early as KG. To truly understand the importance of reading and reading aloud as our children enter 'the distracted generation' please refer to the following website (Educator Jim Trelease)

## http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/read-aloud-to-children/

On the same website, you can find a list of books to read by grade.

#### **JISK Material**

Please be advised that lost/damaged school material (even if they are copies) will be subject to a fine. Take care of school property.

### **Uniforms**

All children must be in uniforms purchased from school. Many children are wearing uniforms that have been stitched elsewhere. Also, a complete uniform includes <a href="white socks">white socks</a> and closed shoes. <a href="Leggings">Leggings</a>, inners and scarves should be white in color.

Any child not dressed in a JISK uniform will be sent home to change.

If you need to pick up your child during school hours, please send **written permission** to your child's class teacher.

Please ensure that you have a JISK ID Badge for your child's safety and security.