



Literature teaches us more about the life around us and helps us to appreciate life. It improves our communication with others and also improves our vocabulary. Literary activities are a great way to impart life skills. The Junior School celebrated Literary Week this year from 22nd to 26th July 2013. Over this week Classes Reception to V participated in different activities like reading during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time, making picture books, enacting dramas, inter-house JAM (Just-A-Minute) competition, etc. It was filled with a plethora of activities for the very early learners. For our youngest of the young, a puppet show was organized. Parents shared interesting stories with children. Related Art and Craft activities were done. To crown it all there was a 'Dressing up day' where children came dressed as their favourite character from a book. The school also organized a Book Fair in the premises where the children, parents and teachers were all seen buying books enthusiastically. Overall, it was a week filled with fun and excitement, leaving the children enriched with a sense of value for literature.

## IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

To describe importance of family is like defining value of air to a body. However I would like to relate the family to a tree where the youngsters are like branches spreading all across, different from each other yet together, the elders are like the trunk holding all the branches together and the values are the roots that ensure that the tree is able to hold even in worst of times.

Akin to a tree, family provides us **shelter**. When the day ends, the individuals look forward to be with their families just as a traveller would want to rest in the shade of a tree after walking in the sun for hours. On return one is able to share the joys and sorrows of the day and get participation from the family members that could enhance the joy or relieve one of the sorrows. After spending a few hours with the family, one is rejuvenated to once again, face the challenges of the world.

Families are a **great place for knowledge**. The members share the information that helps one grow in life by learning from each other's varied and rich experiences. In tough times, one has access to selfless and sound advice from the family members on how to deal with the situations. The elders, owing to the richness of experience and having seen the life more closely are able to help the youngsters steer their lives.

In times of despair, families become the **support system**. Each family member comes together to lend a helping hand and ease each other's turmoil. Without a family, not only will it be physically challenging to face a tough situation but more importantly it will be very hard to keep overwhelming emotions at bay.

As the saying goes, "Values are not taught but caught" families through innumerable actions and gestures of care and affection make one more humane person who is sensitive not only towards the needs of family but also towards those of friends, society and humanity on whole. To love and to be loved are most beautiful feelings and both of these start from family - like the advent of a stream in the hills, that converts into a river giving life to many through its course.

I would like to say that the family is God's gift to you as you are to them.

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# Opportunities Galore

Step out in the morning sun  
Opportunities wait at every turn  
To bring a smile on someone's face  
To make the world a better place!

Just look around you'll see for sure  
A million little ways and more  
To change things for the better, somewhat  
Through little things that mean a lot!

Plant some saplings, though they're small  
One day they'll grow big and tall  
What difference will it make, you say?  
You just might save the earth some day!

Don't pollute the water, the air  
Clean up, clean up, do your share!  
Spread the word to people you know  
Spread the word wherever you go!

A dish of water for thirsty birds  
Food for a stray, and some kind words  
Tell your friends, make people aware  
Treat all creatures with love and care

With special children, spend a day  
Learn to see the world their way  
Then teach them something that you know  
Spread a smile wherever you go!

Stand up brave for someone's rights  
Try and end those endless fights  
Make the day a little brighter  
And heavy hearts a little lighter  
Nothing is impossible, I really think it's true  
You can always do it, if you believe in you  
So do your tiny bit, then do a little more  
Just look around yourself, Opportunities

Galore!

By: Anushka Sharma , 5-A

# IB learners attitudes



Read the clue and locate IB learner's attitudes.

- They develop their natural curiosity.
- They acquire in – depth knowledge and develop understanding of many disciplines.
- They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively.
- They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively.
- They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect.
- They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories.
- They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others.
- They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought.
- They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance.
- They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience.

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Ms. Ambika Sharma (Note- First three entries will get a surprise gift.)





# Is Change a good thing?

Mum says change is the only thing that is constant. I ask her what does that mean and she says that change is something that keeps on happening continuously. Lovingly she adds that once I was a tiny baby who was dependent upon her for every little thing and today I am nine year old camper who stays away from home with teachers and friends in tents in the middle of a forest. I feel proud and grown-up. Certainly it is a drastic change from a tiny baby to a self-managing big boy. I realise that my mum too is getting older, and I don't like that. I sometimes ponder "is change really good?" I ask my mother if she really believes that change is always for good. She smiles and says she believes so and she also believes in an adage "Everything happens for own good." Hmm... this sets me thinking.

I start thinking about the pre-historic man. Pre-historic man had to change or he would have died. It must have been fantastic journey for him to transform himself from one living in jungles with no food, cloth or shelter to present times. One day a big change came in his life and it revolutionised everything for all times to come. He accidentally rubbed two stones and spark came out. Viola! Fire was discovered and life was never the same for any one of his breed. Soon he learned to keep himself protected from wild animals and learned to eat cooked food. Basic needs of food and security were fulfilled. After this discovery primitive man made mother of all inventions - he invented wheel. This single invention changed every task for him. Life became easier for him. I began to smile and thought change is indeed a wonderful thing.

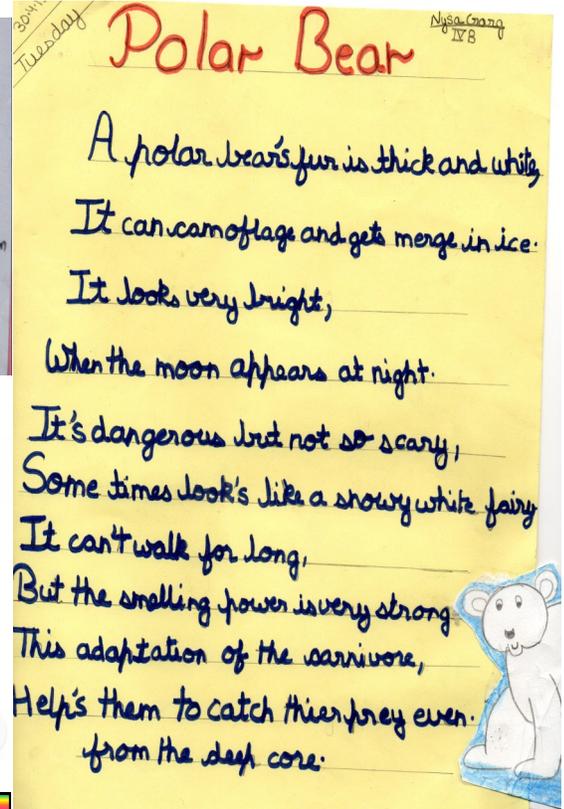
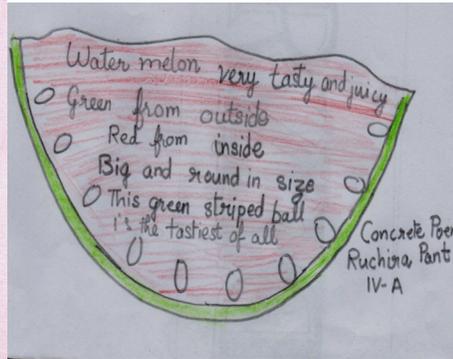
I now begin thinking about Dinosaurs. It makes me wonder whether change was good for them. With change in climatic conditions they have perished forever. I have thought and thought and concluded that change is a good thing if one can adapt to it. Anyone can survive change if he adapts to it. Dinosaurs didn't and they perished. I have learned a life lesson - one must adapt to situations and circumstances if one wants to survive and prosper. Today man is using ever evolving technology to understand and help endangered animals. For example tracking devices help scientist to understand animals and treat a sick one; in this way we can change lives of humans and animals too.

Suddenly my Dad's mobile phone starts ringing and I realize that telephones have also changed from Bell's telephone days to this mobile phone. I recollect that even mobile phones have undergone change. When I was 2-3 years old my parents used to carry a big black and white mobile phone. As I turned 5-6 years old they had this light weight colourful device with buttons and today they have touch screen based phones. I remember few years back, to buy books we needed to go to market and buy a physical copy. Today I order it on internet and it is home delivered or even better I download e-Books from various e-stores. This change has made life so convenient. Today my family buys grocery, clothes, books, toys almost everything online. My mum is even taking some courses online where while sitting in India she attends classes by professors from Harvard and Yale in the US.

Truly change is a great constant and forces us to evolve. Now I understand what mother means when she says that change is only thing that is constant. We must adapt to survive change.

**Medhansh, Grade V-A**

# Budding Poets



## BANGLA SAHIB

B-Blessed are those who visit there  
A-Atmosphere is so peaceful and pure  
N-No one can deny, god takes care  
G- God's presence could be felt everywhere  
L-Lake of water has blessings and power  
A-All day food for everybody

S-So true, this place is open for all  
A-All come here for peace and prayer  
H-He is our father and we all his kids  
I-In him we seek all the love and care  
B-Bangla Sahib I like being here  
Made by- Simran Jyot Kaur

## KASHMIR

K-Known for beauty  
A-A Heaven on the Earth  
S-Scenic Kashmir  
H-High mountains touch clouds  
M-My Kashmir  
I-Is incredible  
R-Rivers are the beauty of Kashmir  
Made by- Priyansh Saxena

## JODHPUR

J-Jolly was their motto  
O-Only happiness was there  
D-Days full of delightedness  
H-Had fun in lifetime  
P-Pure food I had there  
U-Unique games I played there  
R-Remember and cherish the Memories  
Written by Aditya, V B

