

SURKHIYAN सुरखिया

RRR -
THE MUSICAL

INTER-SCHOOL
BASKETBALL COMPETITION

INTER-SCHOOL
PRIMARY QUIZ



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December was a month of fun and magic! In keeping with the festive spirit, our students exhibited a diverse range of skills. Our Nursery kids fine-tuned their motor skills with a Fruit Basket activity that involved making fruits from molding clay. K1's Scavenger Hunt for Christmas ornaments and K2's discussion and discovery about shadows added to the flavor of the season.

The Primary students got witty in their means of giving thanks to the people they appreciate. The Gratitude Tree beautified the 3rd floor with contributions from all grades of Primary school on it.

The Inter-school Primary quiz created a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration amidst the wider community. Reputed schools from Mumbai participated in this competition that was held in our very own multipurpose hall.

The highlight of the month was the whole school musical **RRR - The Rise, Reign & Ruin of Ravana**. Outstanding acting performances, a wonderful choir, fabulous dances and exhilarating music and drama showcased the immense talent that GICLM possesses within its fraternity. The show, an original creation (scripted and directed) of our Performing Arts Team, drew huge audiences on both the days. Students were in high spirits and parents elated, after witnessing one of the most memorable shows of all time. We truly commend the effort and time put in by our staff and students for bringing this dream to fruition.

The month ended with a positive parent teacher meeting to discuss student performance in the semester 1 examinations and possible strategies for improvement.

And of course, how could we forget the winners of the News Quiz - Grade 5 and Grade 9 from Primary and Secondary respectively!! Congratulations to them for their consistency through the term and we encourage all students to keep reading and learning!!

We congratulate our entire community on a successful and accomplished first semester and we look forward to adding more feathers to our cap in the coming months.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2023!

Mr. Huzefa Kagalwala
Coordinator - IBDP



Designing the Party Posters.

Last week Mayor Rabbit announced a party in the Animal Town and on Monday we designed our own party posters. We discussed different parties to decide what sort of party we are having on Friday. Is it someone's birthday? Is there a new school for the students? Is the party for a circus? Children shared their experiences about parties they have attended.

The children selected from party related pictures and decided which ones they wanted on their posters. Once the posters were ready the children were prompted to explain their vision of the upcoming party.

This is what they said, "This is our party. Our best friends, parents and teachers are invited to the party. Guests will bring gifts and cake for us. They will eat cake, burger, pizza, fries and waffles. They will dance and wear party hats".

Nursery



My Fruit Basket

On Wednesday we made fruits for the upcoming party. Children shared the names of the fruits they like to eat and would like to keep at the party. Children made fruits out of the molding clay as they wanted. They explored the details of the fruits from the toy fruits kept on the table. This activity helped them to build their fine motor skills.

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Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Christmas celebration was ongoing all through the month of December and various activities were done by the students. In this Christmas Scavenger hunt, various Christmas ornaments were hidden in different parts of the jungle gym. Children were paired into two to find these Christmas ornaments. Every pair found and bought 1 Christmas ornament. Children also enjoyed listening to various Christmas stories, too!

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Our Very Own City in School

The Dramatic play centre created by K1 tutors was a place where children could go to pretend, imagine, and be creative. Students could pretend to be anyone and do anything! This centre was powerful for our little learners. It was a place that promoted high-level thinking, problem solving, turn taking, and was a rich place for teaching vocabulary. Children were taken by surprise when they entered this center that had been converted into a small city. Children enjoyed exploring the different places in the city. They could go to the library, cinema, a cafeteria, a doctor's clinic or to the farmer's market. Here you can see our little children enjoying the city that was created in their very own safe zone!

KI





Shadows

Children were divided into two groups. We had an interactive discussion about shadow. As the children already had knowledge about shadow, the teacher shared a few more facts on shadow. Children were eager to participate in the play where they saw light falling on them. They all enjoyed their shadows and made different poses to see themselves. They also built a small city to see the shadow that falls on the wall.

K2



Magnetic Fun

Children love to explore the world around them and what if we encourage them to experiment with simple household items which can enhance their observational skills and teach them some scientific principles too. Children were asked to go around their classroom and investigate which objects get attracted to a magnet. They had fun playing with the coins, paper clips, paper and the magnet as they came to know about magnetic objects getting attracted to only certain types of metals. They were also introduced to the two poles of a magnet.

K2



Christmas Fervour

K2 children got engrossed in crafting and decorating their own Christmas Tree. We celebrated Christmas by singing some Christmas songs, watching the story and discussing the birth of Jesus and the long awaited Santa visited our class bearing gifts. Our children were all thrilled to see Santa and welcomed him with great joy and glee!

K2



Gratitude Tree

This December the primary grade was given the chance to write about whom they thanked. Gratitude is giving thanks for everything a person is done like the gratitude of a son to his mother, gratitude is a heart-warming topic and it shows that there is love in the air. The entire primary from grades 1 to 5 got to do this with red, yellow, and orange leaves, where they wrote it. Near the ORT room on the third floor, a tree stump was drawn with an exquisite design. The leaves were stuck together looking like a tree. Every student must have had fun doing this cause well I did this was a very good activity for thanksgiving. In the end, we should thank God for creating us and giving us such a good life. Every day is a blessing, and we should thank every person for what they have done to affect our life making it more important.

Vivaan Joshua
Grade 5



Interschool Primary Quiz

In the month of December, Primary had a general knowledge quiz with eight schools participating. Each school had about 6 students to represent their school and were split into two groups. This was a marvelous opportunity to explore and learn for the primary students. I was really looking forward to this competition, but when the day arrived I was having jitters because this was the first time I was representing such an enormous community for something so substantial. Unfortunately, my group didn't end up making it to the final round but I knew that I had put in my best effort, and that warmed my heart. I also believe this was a great experience and exposure for me. Aditya Birla Academy came first and I hope that we can come first sometime in the future!

Aadhya Sundaresh
Grade 5





Letters to Santa

The students of Grades 4 & 5 wrote a letter to Santa as part of their Christmas activity. However, there was a twist, they had to write requesting Santa for a present not for themselves but for their near and dear ones.

The activity was focused on the learning goal of 'Being thoughtful'

Through this activity the students learnt how the world can be a happy and better place if we care for each other and be kind. They understood that they need to appreciate what they have and learn to be thoughtful towards others.



pH with Red Cabbage Experiment

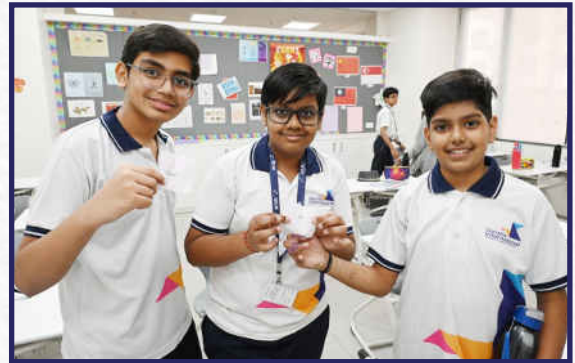
Students in Grade 6 conducted the pH red cabbage indicator experiment. In the chemistry lab, they made a natural indicator from red cabbage and determined whether the given materials were alkali or acids. When the red cabbage indicator was mixed with the given materials, the students observed the colour change and recorded their findings in the table provided to them.



Treasure Hunt

The students of grade 7 did a treasure hunt and quiz activity in Mandarin where they worked in two groups and solved different riddles in Mandarin which helped them review recently learnt vocabulary in a fun way. They also had to answer some questions to unlock the next part of the game.

Ms. Honey Khanna
Spanish & Mandarin Teacher



SPY Activity

The students of Grade 8 acted as spies to understand the pivotal role the spies played during the American revolution. The students learnt what espionage is and how it has been used throughout history.

While acting as spies, the students created their own secret messages using the 'Secret mask Letter' and the 'Invisible ink' methods used by the spies during the American revolution.

The activity took the students on a journey through the past to empathize with what it means to serve one's country and how one small act can make a world of difference.

Upon the completion of the activity the students were able to:

- define espionage
- explain the purpose of espionage
- list and describe different methods for espionage

Ms. Sarita Shetty
History Teacher



Fun with Tessellations

We recently completed a tessellations-related activity in our math lesson. A tessellation makes an uninterrupted tile pattern of repeating forms that cover a surface. We started with a short introduction to tessellations and the various types of tessellations such as regular, semi-regular, and irregular tessellations. We had to build tile patterns or arrangements using several shapes, including triangles, squares, hexagons, and pentagons. We were first required to cut out various shapes needed based on the pattern we had decided to make. We tried to use various colorful and vibrant designs and repeated these patterns multiple times to create a tessellation. To build circular arrangements of the same side measure to generate common tile designs, our group used a variety of triangles, squares, and hexagons. Tessellation is not simply a geometric idea but is also frequently utilized in tile production, as wall art, and also in soccer balls. Overall, this activity was enjoyable and simple to understand and it helped make connections between arithmetic and real-world objects.

Annika Shenoy
Grade 9



Service Project

This month, the class of grade 7 undertook a service project in the PSHCE class (Physical, Social, Health, Citizenship Education). We gained knowledge of what exactly service is and how it continues to impact society. We devised our plan of action after acquiring enough information regarding the task. We were enthusiastic and delighted to conduct this service for the betterment of our community.

My group members, Riona Shah, Vihaa Shah, and I developed a plan to assist some underprivileged children attending a government-run girls school with their scholastic needs. The government provides funds to this school for grades 1 and onwards, but ignores students of kindergarten. Because of the closed mindsets of the families these kids come from (these people are from the slums and are still unreceptive to the idea of educating girls), the school offers them free transportation, education, food, etc so the girls have a half decent chance to be educated.

From 4:30 to 5:30, the youngsters are permitted to relax if they'd like or participate in activities that we direct. There, we organized fun activities like dance, and games and still inculcated educational lessons such as manners, professions and English speaking and writing. Our prime goal was to develop vital skills in these children like for them to be able to learn English, a language that is now widely used throughout India in addition to the ones they have been studying and speaking at home and in school. We've made some progress, and we hope that this effort on our side benefits them in some manner given that this is the foundation of their future.

To help support this school you can help them raise funds for their daily meals or other educational approaches. The school is SPRJ Kanyashala located in Kama lane Ghatkopar West.

Barbie Vora
Grade 7

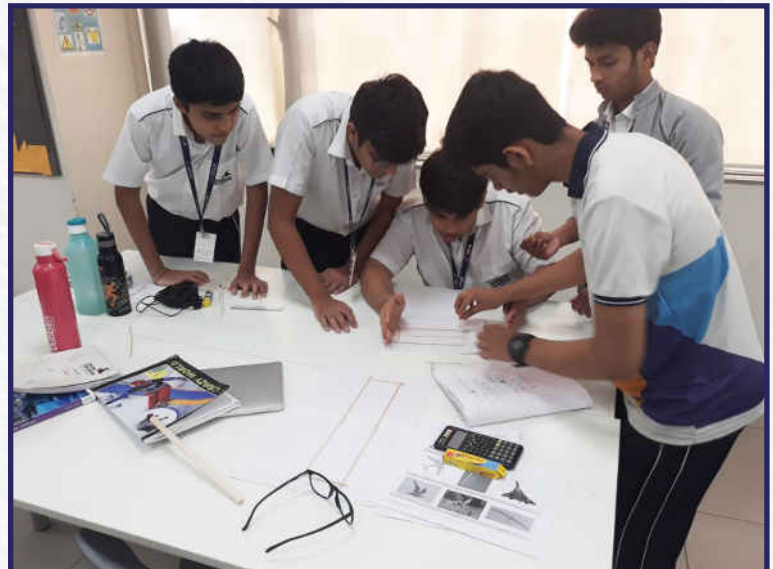
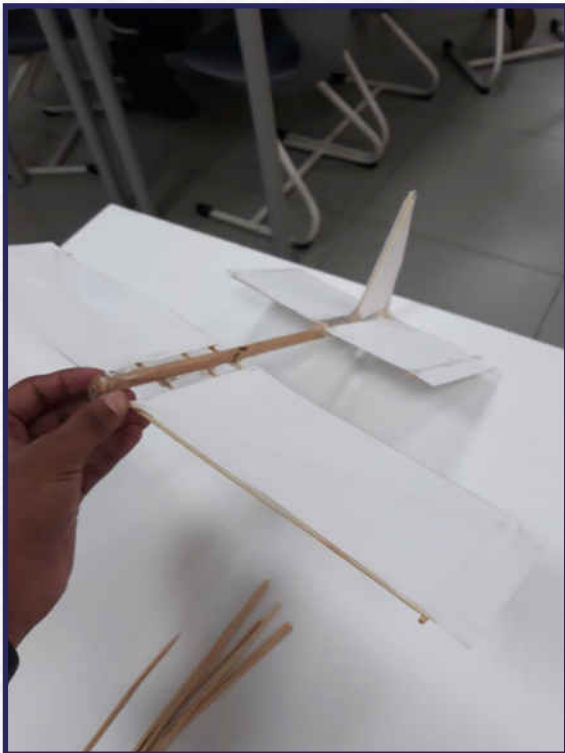




Aerodynamics- Glider Building

During the preparation for the RRR musical, Mr. Praveen Rana, physics teacher at GICLM planned an aerodynamics session for Grade 10 students. There were 3 activities planned for the session, out of which I hosted the glider building activity. Gliders are quick to build and fun to fly, which allows students to visually understand how aerodynamics works and enjoy themselves too. The activity started off by firstly dividing the class into teams and supplying each team with paper, wood, superglue and skewers. I then provided step by step instructions to both teams on how to make the glider, and both teams quickly finished making their respective gliders. We then flew them in the 6th floor foyer, with one glider flying smoothly and the other one going in loops. Then, the students were encouraged to come up with a reason as to why this was happening, thus striking their thinking process. They understood how even tiny mistakes made in building can affect the flight of the glider. Overall, the activity was enjoyable as it was different from regular theoretical learning. Being an aviation enthusiast, I got an opportunity to teach what I love making in my free time, and also to encourage other people to find joy in building and creating things. I hope to be presented with a similar opportunity in the future.

Dev Shah
Grade IIA



The Language Movie Activity

The Language department planned an activity for the language students where they brought different food items representing the flavour of different cultures. They put together the food items and then were shown three clips of movies in Hindi, German and Spanish. They were also quizzed on some aspects of the movie clips to help them be more open-minded and develop a cultural understanding of the languages that we learn.

Languages Department



RRR Musical - The Grand Spectacle

This year's Annual Concert RRR, was the result of wanting to do something different! The Performing Arts department decided not to opt for the readily available musicals and spectacles but to rather opt for something original and related to the Indian ethos and culture. And thus was born RRR – the Rise, Reign and Ruin of Ravana. It was not an easy task to try and encapsulate Raavana's colourful and eventful lifetime into a short musical of two hours, but Ms. Shradha delved into various sources and came up with a basic outline and script of the timeline and events we wanted to present on stage. And then came the casting challenge - to find students to portray Raavana from his childhood until his death at the hands of Lord Ram! After many auditions and eliminations, we finally had Vedansh Bhushan, Hridansh Sankla, Dyu Singla and Daksh Shah to play the role at various ages. Just as things began to fall into place, Daksh fractured his ankle, and wasn't able to play the role. Once again we were on the lookout for someone apt for the role, when Dhruvin Ratanghayra happily agreed to step in and we were back in business! From then there was no looking back. There was dance, there was music and there was drama, all of which had to be woven together for the final fabric of the grand spectacle. Rehearsals were scheduled at different times of the day for different groups (weekends included!) and in just under two weeks, our

production was ready to roll. And roll we did! The Costume Rehearsal on 20th December 2022, which also was a performance for the students of Happy Feet Home, helped everyone get things into perspective and the two final performances on 21st and 22nd of December, were well liked and appreciated by the audience and indeed RRR turned out to be a roaring success! Cheers to all the participants for their wonderful performances.

Ms. Vidya Rao
French Teacher

RRR - The Rise, Reign, and Ruin of Ravana

The month of December is indeed the busiest and the most exciting time of the year at GICLM, as all students from Early Years to Grade 12 prepare for the slated annual musical. This year's musical was titled RRR- The Rise, Reign, and Ruin of Ravana which revolved around the life of the demon king Ravana. It was a challenging feat to achieve as the musical was scheduled for two shows on the 21st and 22nd of December. Apart from these two shows, students also had the opportunity to perform for children for the Happy Feet Home NGO on 20th December. The musical was packed with intensely dramatic scenes, live singing by the students, and back-to-back enthralling dance performances to songs that resonated with everyone. The performance was received well by audiences on both days as they applauded and cheered, often getting off their seats with excitement. However, the highlight of the musical was the finale performance of the song "Hriday Nashak", which every student was humming for several days after the show concluded.

Ms. Shradha Rupavate
Dance Teacher



EVENTS AND OTHERS



Inter - School Basketball Competition

In early December 2022, a bunch of students from grade 7 and 8 participated in an Inter School Basketball Competition, hosted by Vibgyor High School. We were guided by Mr. Brandon and Mr. Ameya and trained hard for this competition. The tournament was conducted as knockout matches and GICLM had a girls and a boys team. It was an incredible experience. When we reached the school where we would compete, the environment was charged with excitement and everyone was extremely pumped to start playing. Sadly, the girls team was knocked out in the first match and the boys also lost in the second round.

However, our spirits were still high as we loved the experience and would surely do it again.

Ariha Shah
Grade 8

The basketball tournament was an overwhelming experience for one and for all. It took place in early December and came along with a whirlwind of excitement, and enthusiasm. The participants spent lots of time and dedication practicing for the tournament. I would like to thank Mr Brandon for the time and patience he had with us, without him we would have lost the first game. His motivation guided us through the tournament. When the day arrived, we went to Vibgyor High with zest and hope. The girls played the first game, and lost with a small difference. The boys, who played later, won their first match, but lost in the second round. Overall it was an amazing time for me and the team and we thoroughly enjoyed the games.

Vihaan Lakhpatwala
Grade 7



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is an annual festival, which is celebrated with great enthusiasm in GICLM with all our staff. The preparations for the Christmas celebration started a week before the arrival of Christmas. The Art department happily decorated the Christmas tree in the foyer and we exchanged the secret Santa chits and all were excited to buy gifts for each other. The HR department had organized fun games and activities which brought our childhood memories back. All of us were in Green/Red attire with the Christmas theme. Employees were eagerly waiting for the gift exchange given by the Secret Santa and we ended the celebration by dancing to the music, clicking pictures, having cake and snacks etc. Christmas is the festival that teaches us to live with harmony and love. Jingle Bells Jingle Bells, Jingles all the way is the favourite Christmas song for all and reminds us of the Santa clause.

Ms. Satya Prabu
HR Department



EVENTS AND OTHERS



Student Accomplishments

In the month of December 2022 we started with the initiative of recognizing and rewarding students for learner attributes displayed by them actively in school. December was the month for the attribute 'Balanced' and students demonstrating punctuality and regular attendance in school were recognized and rewarded under this category as 'Learners of the Month'. We also took the opportunity to highlight accomplishments by our students in other academic and extra-curricular areas.

Great results are attained gradually over time by practicing small disciplines consistently each day and with this initiative we wish to promote a positive culture in school by highlighting, celebrating and encouraging good practice and accomplishments of our students.

Learners of the Month - Category 'Balanced'

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| Grade 6 | Aarav Rohatgi |
| Grade 7 | Aarthrika Patil Tanay Mehta |
| Grade 8 | Niti Parekh |
| Grade 9 | Anay Shah Soumya Kothari |
| Grade 10 | Krishiv Shukul Ishanya Bassi |
| Grade 11 | Kiara Seth Arnav Khokani Ragini Ramachandran Yachana Shah Radhika Chandwadkar |
| Grade 12 | Moksha Shah Ashel D'Souza |



Accomplishments by our students in other academic and extra-curricular areas.

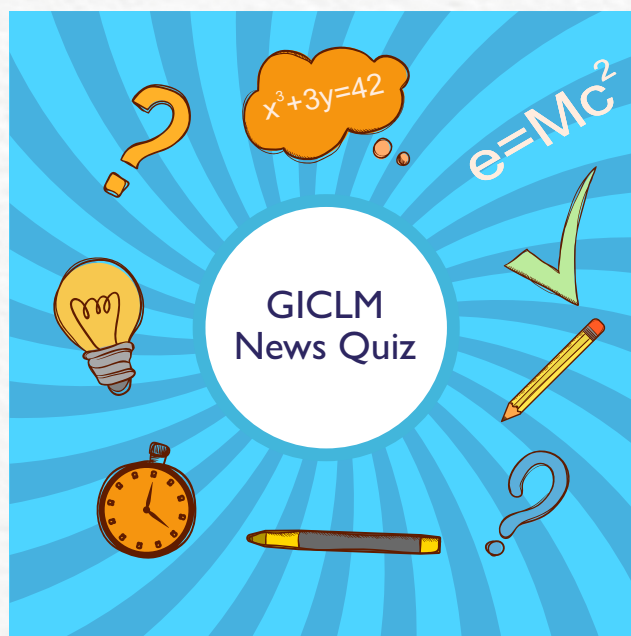
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| Grade 11 | Siddh Vora participated in two Maths competitions. In the competition 'Infinity', Siddh qualified for the final round with his teammates 'Arnav Khokhani' and 'Hitarrth Chheda. In the 'Camp Yellow International Maths Competition', Siddh cleared Round 1 and qualified for Round 2. |
| Grade 10 | Dhriti Ajmera participated and cleared Round 1 of the 'Camp Yellow International Maths Competition' and qualified for Round 2. |
| Grade 9 | Kashti Dedhia collaborated with students from Chennai and Sri Lanka at a German-PASCH camp in Coimbatore and her group came up with the idea of a 'Concentration Pen' that measures a student's concentration as he/she is at the task. Kashti's group won the first prize for their invention idea. |

Pastoral Team

News Quiz Winners!

Every Friday, a quiz is held to test a class's general awareness. The News Quiz. Recollecting information from what you have read or have come across during the whole week. The learners enthusiastically answer and try to win the quiz. This month, Grade 9 won it and had pizzas served as a reward. This not only made us feel appreciated but also reminded us to keep up with the points. The importance of knowing our surroundings, nationally as well as internationally, has been proven from time to time. The news gives insights into the latest achievements, laws, and other things which should be valued and celebrated, and also brings focus on things we should be well aware of, like crises. The news quiz motivates students to read the news. After our win, I am sure other classes will give their best as well, as it is fascinating for the students to win as a class.

Harshita Sharma
Grade 9





Mr. Brandon Andreas

Each and every teacher has an innovative pedagogical method of teaching. Some we love, and some we hate. Mr. Brandon is one of the greatest teachers I have had. His ways of teaching really stick out to me and I have improved greatly over the years with him as my teacher. To show my appreciation I resolved to interview Mr. Brandon for our school magazine- Surkhiya!

Each teacher has their own accomplishments, and when asked Mr. Brandon says that above all the accomplishments, the one that stood out to him the most was always seeing how far his students have come from the start of the year. It makes him feel extremely proud seeing students at GICLM zealous about his classes.

Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, after all we are only human right? Mr. Brandon says he always finds himself trying the hardest to connect with his students and make them feel like they can trust him because he always found his favorite teachers not being the smartest, or the funniest, or the most fun, but the ones that were there for him, I can tell you for a fact that he has 100% succeeded. He also believes that there is no age for learning and would like to continue to grow and learn each day.

He says he has also wanted to be a teacher for as long as he can remember. His dad was a university instructor and graded students' papers together was something that helped him realize his end goal.

I am certain all of you are cognizant of the wise man's adage, "all work and no play makes jack a dull boy." Meaning sports also plays a pivotal role in our lives. Growing up Mr. Brandon always found himself interested in the sport of wrestling, at the beginning of high school! Right now he coaches the school basketball team. In the past years, he was the head of the Magazine Club at GICLM but Mr. Martin Ebnazer has taken over instead now. Mr. Brandon says he would like to add how proud he is of how far the magazine has come and acknowledge how hard we work to keep all the articles to be published on time, he thinks it is doing a great job giving the parents and members of the school community a flavor of activities and events that fill the hallways of GICLM on a monthly basis.

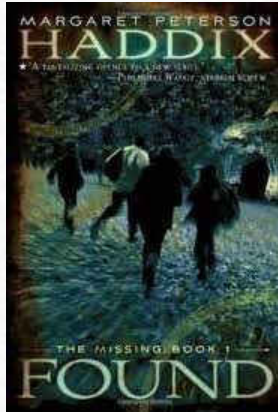
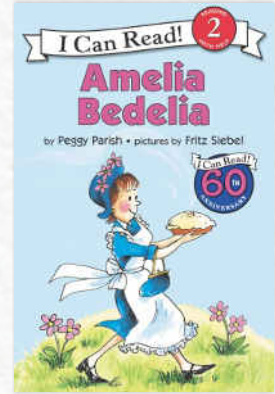
Riona Shah
Grade 7



December Book Recommendations

Grades 1-3: *Amelia Bedelia* by Amelia Bedelia

Amelia Bedelia works in the Rogers' posh mansion as a maid, but even when she tries to do her best she always seems to mess things up! Join Amelia on her hilarious adventures as she takes everything quite literally and ends up taking spots out of Mrs. Roger's dress (cutting out the polka dots), dressing the turkey (none of the clothes seem to fit!), and dusting the furniture (sprinkling a canister of dust on every surface).



Grades 4-5: *Found (The Missing series)* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

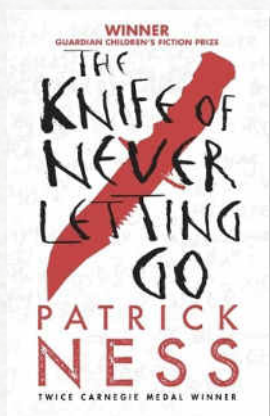
Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters. The first one says, "You are one of the missing." The second one says, "Beware! They're coming back to get you."

Jonah, Chip, and Jonah's sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere -- and people who seem to appear and disappear at will. The kids discover they are caught in a battle between two opposing forces that want very different things for Jonah and Chip's lives.

Do Jonah and Chip have any choice in the matter? And what should they choose when both alternatives are horrifying?

Grades 6-8: *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen

A 16-year-old American girl with an apathetic view towards her Jewish family history finds herself pulled through time into 1941 to a small Polish village where the Nazis have just begun their genocidal propaganda.



Grades 9-12: *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness

Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. Ever since the settlers were infected with the Noise germ, Todd can hear everything the men think, and they hear everything he thinks. Todd is just a month away from becoming a man, but in the midst of the cacophony, he knows that the town is hiding something from him -- something so awful Todd is forced to flee with only his dog, whose simple, loyal voice he hears too. With hostile men from the town in pursuit, the two stumble upon a strange and eerily silent creature: a girl. Who is she? Why wasn't she killed by the germ like all the females on New World? Propelled by Todd's gritty narration, readers are in for a white-knuckle journey in which a boy on the cusp of manhood must unlearn everything he knows in order to figure out who he truly is.



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

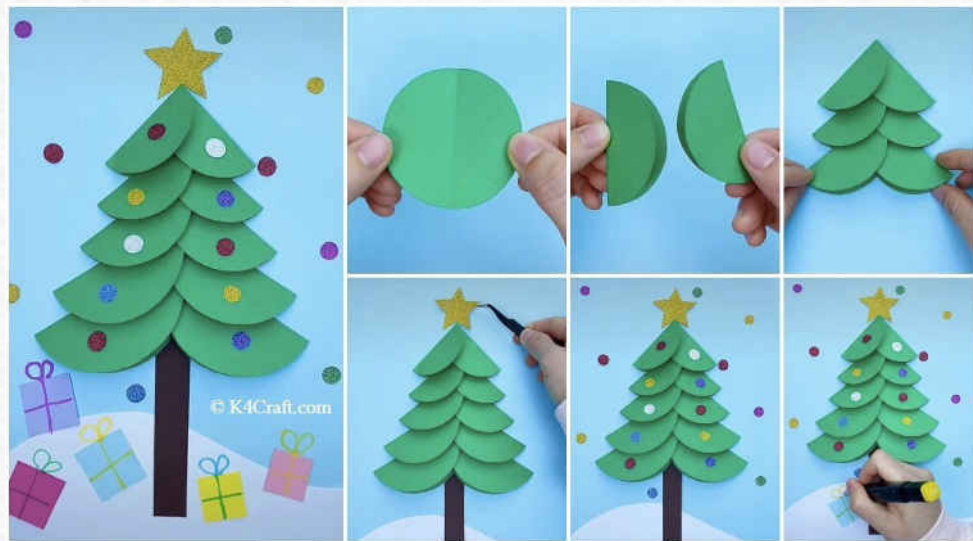
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- One of Santa's Reindeer
- Santa's Helpers
- December 25th is _____.
- Christmas Drink
- The name of a popular snowman.

Down

- Christmas Month
- He hates Christmas!
- You hang them by the chimney.
- On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
- _____ to the world!

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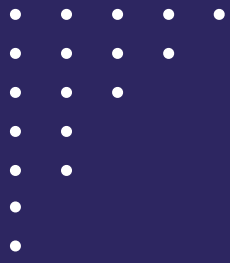
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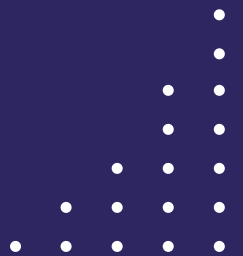




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