

# HOLIDAY ENGAGEMENT 2024 CLASS VIII



Dear Students,

As the warm embrace of summer envelops us, let us pause and reflect upon the words of Helen Keller: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." Indeed, if life were devoid of challenges and uncertainties, it would lose its essence, its purpose, much like a ship adrift in calm waters.

The balmy months of May and June offer us an opportunity for self-reflection, a time to rejuvenate our spirits and nourish our minds. Amidst the tranquil respite, we find opportunities for familial bonds to flourish, for ventures into unexplored realms, for passions to be pursued and dreams to be realized.

It is said that an umbrella, a book, and the mind only serve their purpose when open! Let us heed these words and embrace the boundless possibilities that lie before us. Let our minds unfurl like the petals of a blooming flower, eager to absorb the wisdom and experiences that await us in the coming days.

The Summer Holiday Engagement of 2024 beckons with a unique purpose—a purpose to embark on a journey to elevate Social Emotional and Experiential Learning, as well as foster Financial Literacy! Let us immerse ourselves in delightful and enlightening endeavors to equip our youngsters with invaluable financial acumen and nurture empathy. Each challenge, each endeavor, will be a stepping stone towards personal growth and enlightenment.

As we engage ourselves in these activities, let us not forget the joy of learning, the thrill of exploration, and the warmth of companionship. Let us involve our families, for in their support and guidance, we find strength and inspiration.

I hold in high regard the creativity and individual strengths of each and every one of you. Your efforts, your contributions, are invaluable in shaping our collective journey.

Hope this Goenkan initiative of the Summer Holiday Engagement 2024-25 is a testament to our capacity for growth and is replete with learning and laughter. Let us redefine who we are and embrace the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and compassion.

M. Dutta  
Principal

## PAUSE AND REFLECT!

Life is all about choosing something over the other. We find it quite confusing as to what we really want in life and what exactly should be our focus.

This summer, the Holiday assignment will help you to think about what exactly are the topmost concerns today.

## ENGLISH

As you read and reflect on concepts like equality, justice and the things that make you happy..... you will have a chance to get better acquainted with your own ideas and values.

This year's Summer assignment for English is focussed on Girl Power! And Youth Power!

Biases and discrimination exist in society all around us; the students of 8th grade are determined to spread awareness that there really is nothing stopping girls from becoming who they want to be and removing the world's impaired vision regarding them.

Choose any ONE of the following tasks - 1,2 or 3.

1. Make a collage on a standard A3 sheet using photographs, headlines, articles, pictures and phrases on the theme of the story Macbeth by Shakespeare. Use the story given in your book as reference. Make sure you read the story first.
2. Writing as a Power Tool !! If you could choose and create an International Day for a woman who inspires you, who would you choose and why ? Use 2, A4 sheets to present your idea with appropriate photos and convincing points for your research and recommendation.
3. Self Assurance and Self Worth .....We encourage you to understand the importance of using your voices for good. Speak out against injustice; stand up to bullying; build values of compassion, fairness and equality. Write an official letter to the Principal of our school on 2, A4 sheets. Write your observations and your concerns about bullying. What is the best way for our school to prevent bullying? Present your views in 250 words and provide coherent and practical advice and suggestions for this problem.

## MATHEMATICS

1) Calendars are an important tool to track your meetings, events, festivals, and other important dates and also remind you and help you visualise your schedule. It also helps us to be prompt, productive and also prioritised. It is not wrong to say that it helps us stay accountable for every moment of our lives.

Do you know that the National Calendar of India is the Saka Calendar, which was adopted in 1957 after the introduction of the calendar reform? It is based on the Saka era, founded by King Shalivahana of the Satavahana dynasty. It is one of the National Symbols of India. Saka Calendar is used by *the Gazette of India and is the Indian government's authorised legal document*. It is beneficial to read about the Calendars in India, including the facts about the Saka Calendar. Let's make a project on '**The National Calendar of India**', diving deep into the months and days of month on A4 sheet. The project should be presented beautifully on 4-5 sheets, in a handmade folder with a creative cover.

2) Thinking Classroom worksheet to be done of Ch- 1 & Ch - 2.

## SCIENCE

Dear Students,

As part of your holiday engagement for the Science chapter on crop production, we encourage you to embark on an engaging and insightful journey into the world of gardening and agricultural practices. Below are some key tasks and topics for you to explore and learn from during this holiday break:

1. Visit a Garden

Take note of the diversity of plant species and the care being provided to them.

2. Special Care of Plants During Extreme Hot\* Weather: Investigate the methods and practices used to protect plants during periods of extreme heat. Explore the importance of adequate watering, shading, mulching, and proper ventilation in maintaining plant health during hot weather conditions.

3. Preparation of Organic Manure and Its Effects:\*

Prepare organic compost from kitchen waste and use it in plants

4. Prepare a report on coloured sheets and support it with pictures taken by you from various activities (Don't use pictures from google)

Please write the report in your own handwriting, no printouts are allowed.

5. Thinking Classroom worksheet to be done of Ch- MICROORGANISMS & Ch - FORCE AND PRESSURE

6. Rubrics for making would be :

Presentation 3 marks

Punctuality 3 marks

Content 4 marks

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

An election is a process of voting wherein the general public decides who all should comprise the governing body to work towards the nation in the representative institutions like the Parliament, Legislative bodies etc. each citizen of the country can vote after they attain the age of 18 years. Without political parties, elections are incomplete. A political party is an organisation that coordinates candidates to compete in a particular country's elections. It is common for the members of a party to hold similar ideas about politics, and parties may promote specific ideological or policy goals. India has a multi-party system.

Let's try to learn and find out more about the political parties contesting elections in India. You have to research and find out the following information about any 2 national political parties and any 2 regional/state political parties:

1. The symbol/logo and slogan of the party and the reason for choosing it.
2. History of the political party: when was it formed, how and why was it formed, who was the founder.
3. The political ideology followed by the party
4. Summary of their political manifesto for the 2024 election in 60-100 words.
5. Details and background information of any 5 prominent leaders from the party

You can present your findings in any one of the following ways:

- Written report
- Infographic
- Story book
- Poster
- Brochure
- Small booklet



## हिंदी

प्यारे बच्चों, आज के युग में विश्व के साथ कदम से कदम मिलाकर चलने की आवश्यकता है। पूरे विश्व को एक साथ जोड़ने में समाचार पत्र प्रमुख भूमिका निभाते हैं। चलिए आज हम भी अपना एक निजी समाचार पत्र बनाने का प्रयास करते हैं।

आपकी सहायता के लिए कुछ वीडियो डाले गए हैं। इन वीडियो को देखिए, समझिए और दिए गए कार्य को पूर्ण कीजिए।

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dulREGFr6k>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yK0C6V-Qr-o>

अपना एक निजी समाचार पत्र तैयार कीजिए-

- पहली क्लिप देखें और सीखे गए मूल्यों पर अपने विचारों के साथ फिल्म का सारांश अपने शब्दों में लिखें और चित्र भी चिपकाएँ। इस क्लिप से प्रेरित होकर 'रीसाइक्लिंग' पर विज्ञापन तैयार करें। मुहावरों और उदाहरणों को शामिल करते हुए कहानी बनाकर लिखें जो आपके जीवन के लक्ष्य को वास्तविक रूप से चित्रित करे।
- दूसरी क्लिप को देख कर आपने क्या सीखा उसके बारे में लिखिए। 'डर के आगे जीत है'- के नारे पर विचार करते हुए संवाद लिखिए। इस क्लिप से प्रेरित होकर, अपने परिवार को दर्शाते हुए एक रोचक और प्रासंगिक कार्टून बनाएँ। अपनी छोट्टियों के अनुभवों और उन गतिविधियों के बारे में Dear Diary (प्रिय डायरी) के रूप में लिखिए जिसमें आप अपने अनुभव बता सकते हैं।
- अपनी इच्छानुसार कुछ और लिखना चाहें, तो अपनी कलम को विराम न दें, जैसे - वातावरण, शिक्षा, घरती की रक्षा, जीवन मूल्य आदि विषयों पर लिख सकते हैं, जिससे आपका समाचार पत्र जानकारी से परिपूर्ण हो। इसके साथ ही अपना काम करते हुए अपनी फोटो लेना न भूलें और उन्हें भी अपने समाचार पत्र का हिस्सा बनाएँ।
- कहानियाँ हमारी दुनिया में नए विचारों को प्रस्तुत करके हमारी कल्पना को विकसित करने में मदद करती हैं - कल्पनाशक्ति को बढ़ाने और नैतिक मूल्यों को सीखने के लिए-  
सुधा मूर्ति- 'अपना दीपक स्वयं बनें'  
'हम होंगे कामयाब' - ए. पी. जे. अब्दुल कलाम पुस्तकें पढ़िए।  
आप निर्देशित कार्य लिख सकते हैं और टाईप भी कर सकते हैं। आपका समाचार पत्र अत्यंत सुंदर और रचनात्मक रूप से बन कर प्रस्तुत होना चाहिए।

अंक विभाजन

कलांक -10

विषयवस्तु-5

प्रस्तुतीकरण-3

समयावधि का पालन-2

## SANSKRIT

ॐ सह नावतु।  
सह नौ भुनक्तु।  
सह वीर्यं करवावहै।  
तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु।  
मा विद्विषावहै॥  
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प्रार्थना के द्वारा हम अपना आभार व प्रशन्सा व्यक्त करते हैं । भोजन से पूर्व भोजन मन्त्र के उच्चारण से हम अपनी कृतज्ञता प्रकट करते हैं । एक A-4 sheet पर भोजन मंत्र को लिखें व सुंदर रूप से सजाकर प्रस्तुत करें ।

## 3rd LANGUAGE

*“Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients, recipes, and cooking. It’s about harnessing imagination, empowerment, and creativity.” - Guy Fieri*

Embark on a gastronomic adventure to explore the rich culinary tapestry of Spain/France/Germany in the comfort of your own kitchen!

So, for an immersive culinary experience, select any one traditional recipe from the country of your respective foreign language and recreate the dish during the holiday break by following the recipe.

Document your culinary journey through captivating photos, capturing the essence of each step as you bring the recipe to life. As you savour the delightful flavours of Spain/France/Germany, remember the words of Virginia Woolf, 'One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.'

Write the recipe in Spanish/French/German, infusing your notebook with the rich language and culture of your chosen cuisine.

Celebrate the joy of exploration and discovery with your classmates as you share the delight of your culinary creations with them!



## COMPUTER

Research and present a report on a current technology trend, such as virtual reality, blockchain, Artificial intelligence (any one) in your computer notebook

\*Usage of related photographs ,facts with proper caption is acceptable



## **Idea to Implementation The**

### **Extra Mile Initiative**

Join us this holiday season for our 'Extra Mile Initiative: Going Beyond to enhance Social Emotional Learning and Foster Financial Literacy'! Engage in fun and educational activities to empower our children with valuable money management skills and develop empathy. Let's make this holiday break not just about relaxation, but also about investing in our children's future, socially, emotionally, and financially.

#### **Entrepreneurial Activity:**

Embark upon the enchanting journey of fostering entrepreneurial spirit in young hearts by inspiring children to initiate a charming small-scale holiday enterprise. Delightful ventures such as crafting unique ornaments or baking delectable treats can unveil a world of valuable lessons in pricing strategies, profit margins, the art of marketing, and prudent expense management. As they tread this path of discovery, parents can serve as guiding stars, offering their wisdom and gentle supervision, nurturing the budding entrepreneurs as they blossom.

Here are some steps to guide this exciting and enriching entrepreneurial activity:

#### **1. Inspiration and Idea Generation:**

- Spark creativity and excitement by brainstorming holiday-themed business ideas with the children. Encourage them to think of what they enjoy making or doing during the holidays.

#### **2. Product Planning and Development:**

- Assist the children in choosing a product or service to offer, such as handmade crafts, baked goods, or holiday-themed services like gift wrapping.
- Help them gather necessary materials and ingredients, ensuring they understand the quality and cost considerations.

#### **3. Market Research:**

- Explore potential customers and competition. Discuss with the children where they can sell their products, such as local craft fairs, online platforms, or to friends and family.

- Visit similar businesses or events to observe pricing strategies and product presentation.
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- 4. Pricing and Profit Margin:
  - Guide the children in determining the cost of materials and the time required to make each product or provide the service.
  - Teach them how to set prices to cover costs while ensuring a reasonable profit margin.
- 5. Marketing and Promotion:
  - Help the children create eye-catching signage, flyers, or digital marketing materials to attract customers.
  - Encourage them to utilise social media platforms or local community bulletin boards to spread the word about their business.
- 6. Setting Up Shop:
  - Assist in setting up a charming booth or online store where customers can purchase their holiday offerings.
  - Create a welcoming atmosphere with festive decorations and perhaps some seasonal music.
- 7. Sales and Customer Interaction:
  - Encourage the children to engage with customers politely and confidently, sharing information about their products or services.
  - Teach them the importance of providing excellent customer service to build relationships and encourage repeat business.
- 8. Expense Management:
  - Help the children keep track of expenses such as materials, packaging, and any other costs incurred.
  - Guide them in understanding the importance of managing expenses to ensure profitability.
- 9. Reflection and Learning:
  - After the holiday season, reflect on the experience with the children. Discuss what went well, what could be improved, and what they learned from the venture.
  - Encourage them to save a portion of their profits for future endeavors or charitable donations.
  - Submit pictures and write-ups of their venture as well as reflections.