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Dear Parents,

We have already completed the Autumn term and very smoothly transitioned to our Winter term. However, due to the current political unrest, there will be times when we might have to shift to a virtual platform or conduct classes on the weekends. Our main priority is our students' safety and ensuring that there is no loss of learning.

Nevertheless, as our kids are very young, one area where they might face some speed bumps would be in recognizing words and reading.

Independent reading is fundamental not only for the improvement in speed, fluency, and comprehension but also for the development of curiosity and the ability to concentrate for longer periods.

Every child's reading journey is unique, their brain develops at a different rate and you cannot compare your child to other children of the same age. However, as parents, you can support them to improve their reading skills in the following ways:

- Use picture clues: Look at the pictures on the page for clues about how to decode the word.
- Say the first sound: Say the first sound in the word and try to predict what the word might be.
- Blend the sounds: Say each sound within the word and blend them together.

Example: C-1-ou-d, B-1-ow-n, Au-th-or.

- Spot the Common/Sight words: Look out for any common words before reading the sentence. Example: In, For, To, Have.

- Split the word into chunks: Split the word up into chunks that you can already decode. Example: Sat-ur-day, For-get-ful, Blan-ket.

Happy Victory Day and Merry Christmas!

Rasha Tariq

**CONGRATULATIONS CLASS TWO
AUTUMN TERM LAUREATES!**



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In today's fast paced generational identities are changing faster than ever. Previously, a generation used to be defined as the difference in lifestyle changes or progress between our birth and our parents/grandparents birth as there were very distinctive features of each timeline. There was a certain ease for at least fifteen to twenty years as transition happened gradually.

However, these days every three years feels like a new generation. Things change rapidly without time to prepare. The world seems to be in a hurry to make things better but then the definition of better also keeps jumping. To adapt to these amendments - education, business, family/social life, entertainment keeps getting more implausible. We are unable to predict accurately what the future holds for the current group of children but one thing is for sure that the competitiveness is going to be unimaginable which is why the pivotal emphasis at CGS is to empower students with coping mechanisms so that they are ready for an unknown tomorrow. In addition to academics, students are also given the opportunity to participate in various extra-curricular, cultural and awareness programs, conferences in home and abroad, charity, values enhancing activities and so much more. All this can get overwhelming at times but that is exactly the mission. Our aim in the past thirty years has always been to equip our students to survive in an ever-changing world and deal with age appropriate or progressive stress and prepare them for life after school.

Happy Victory Day and Merry Christmas!

Hector Fernandez

RECENT EVENTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

GK Quizzes: A series of General Knowledge quizzes were held recently. Courage was winner in Class 3, Service in Class 4, Generosity in Class 5.

Favourite Story-book Character: Students dressed in their favourite character to remind ourselves of the joy stories bring to us.

World Kindness Day: Middle School students (below) donated over 200 books to Community School students on Kindness Day, 13th November.



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As we embark upon the celebratory month of Victory in Bangladesh, it is a time for reflection and remembrance of the sacrifices made by our forefathers for the freedom we cherish today. This December, let us not only honor the heroes of our nation, but also ensure that our children have a memorable and enjoyable winter vacation. The Victory Month of Bangladesh holds a special place in our hearts, reminding us of the courage and resilience that led to our nation's independence. This is a time for us to impart the values of our history and instill in our children a sense of pride in their heritage.

However, as we commemorate this important month, it is equally crucial to remember that our students deserve a well-deserved break during the winter vacation. The academic year can be demanding, and children need time to relax, rejuvenate, and explore their interests beyond the classroom. We encourage you to let your children enjoy their winter vacation, engage in activities they love, and spend quality time with family and friends. This break is not only an opportunity for them to recharge but also to develop essential life skills and interests outside of academics. By striking a balance between commemorating the Victory Month and allowing our children to relax and enjoy their winter vacation, we can create a harmonious and memorable experience for them. Let us nurture their minds and spirits, ensuring that they grow up to be well-rounded individuals who appreciate their history.

Happy Victory Day and Merry Christmas!

Faiza Chowdhury

UPPER SCHOOL LAUREATES

Congratulations to our Upper School Laureates, pictured below.



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Upper School PTM	9.12.2023
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13 student delegates and Mousumi Miss pictured below at the closing ceremony.

