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Pre-Reading

Assalamualaykum,

Dear parent,

Pre-Reading: As a Madrasa, we are always striving to improve the teaching and learning of our pupils. One factor that has been proven to have great impact on pupil learning and retention is **'Pre-reading'**.

This simply requires pupils **to read up the lesson that is to be taught before coming to Madrasah**, so that it is easier for pupils to understand the lesson in class. Pupils have been introduced to this concept of **Pre-reading for over a month**, including its importance.

Some points on this are:

- ✓ This is hugely beneficial, as not only does it gives your child a “head start” in the next day’s lesson, pre-reading also results in your child grasping the new lesson much quicker when covered in class.
- ✓ Over time, it also leads to “independent learning” skills, where your child is self-motivated to progress and work independently.
- ✓ Research clearly indicates that a **COMBINATION** of Pre-reading, classroom delivery (actual lesson) and then revision **leads to a staggering 80% retention rate**. Otherwise, the overall retention rate is very poor – as low as 30%.

What parents need to do:

Please encourage your child to pre-read, especially on the weekends. Simply spending 20-30 minutes on the weekend will prepare your child for the full week’s pre-reading.

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