

Evolving Maktab

2015-2019

Background

- Have been in operation for four and a half years.
- Learning and struggling all the time **سرپالذت بال آزمائی**
- Grateful for your feedback

Outline

- Preschool
- School-wide Structures and Activities
- Lower School
- Middle School
- High School
- Reminder Of Some Policies.
- News To Share

Preschool

Welcome to Preschool Early Childhood Program





“Enlightening Hearts
and Minds for the
Future”

Maktab Preschool

- Provides a foundation for learning, both academically and socially
- An excellent opportunity for children to be in a structured setting

Goals

- Intellectual development
- Social development
- Physical development
- Emotional development

Meet The Teachers

Miss Raheela
Qaisar

Miss Nimra
Ahmed

Miss
Momina
Saleem

Miss Kiran
Hanif

Academics

- Two academic terms: Fall and Spring
- Holidays: Winter (2 weeks), Spring (1 week), Summer (3 months)
- Maktab's academic programme is a combination of the curriculum of Mississippi State University's Early Childhood Institute and local requirements

Preschool Daily Routine

- Morning circle time
- Learning centres (Students choose their centres)
- Outdoor Playtime
- Teaching time
- Readers
- Story time or Library

Morning Circle Time

- Greet students
- Sing songs
- Read books
- Plan daily activities



Why Learning Centres?

Physical spaces that are crucial in an early childhood classroom

- Allow children to control their learning journey
- Enhance creative thinking, language skills, problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence by exploring on their own
- Develop social skills

Learning Centres

- Blocks Centre
- Music Centre
- Library Centre
- Writing Centre
- Mathematics Centre
- Dramatics Play Centre
- Arts Centre

Learning Centres

- Make choices
- Explore on your own or work with friends
- Participate in planned or unstructured activities

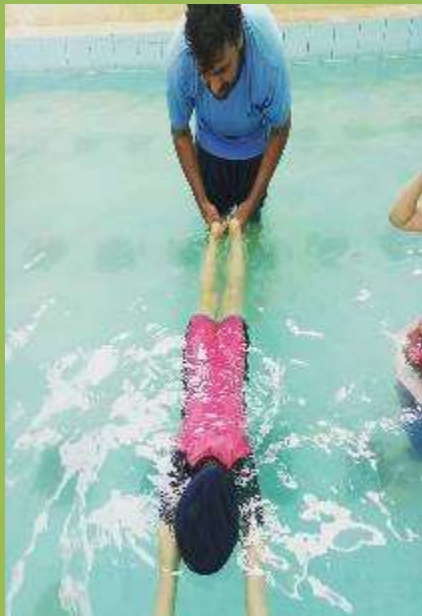


Outdoor Playtime

- Critical for physical and emotional development in any high quality preschool. Gross and fine motor skills
- Helps develop appreciation of the outdoors and nature



Swimming Classes



Teaching Time and Readers

- More formal part of the academic curriculum.
- Teacher gathers the students and teaches all of them in a traditional classroom setting.
- Helps Maktab meet local Pakistani requirements of reading and writing.
- Readers for sight words

Story Time or Library

- Two story books a day or a visit to the library (special section for young children)
- Helps children imagine and enhances reading and comprehension skills



Parent Teacher Meeting

- Thrice a year about the child's progress in academic, social, physical and emotional domains.
- Informal assessment reported rigorously



Miscellaneous Activities

- Sports Day
- Theme Day
- Children's Presentations



School-wide Structures And Activities

Activities

- Sports or swimming. 4 times a week
- Library. 4 times a week
- Music. 2 or 3 times a week
- Art. 2 or 3 times a week
- Drama. Once a week
- Clubs. Once a week

Salient Features I

- Two Houses: Rumi and Haytham (represent Art and Science)
- Interhouse competitions (Grade IV onwards) in debating, poetry recitation and creative writing in both Urdu and English
- Interhouse competitions (Grade IV onwards) in cricket (hardball) , hockey and athletics
- Academic honours for Grades IV onwards

Salient Features II

- Various student-led faculty-supervised activities
- Music: Grade I-III learn singing. Grades IV-VI learn to play musical instruments such as the tabla, harmonium etc.
- Annual plays for Grades IV onwards. Grades I-III participate through songs in the Annual play.
- ایام مکتب our newsletter to keep families abreast of school activities
- Maktab focusses on participation in a supportive environment

Lower School

Features

- Grades I - VI
- Graded only on the basis of Unsatisfactory, Progressing and Satisfactory
- Grades IV, V and VI participate in formal competitions

Academic Subjects

- Urdu
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social studies
- Islamiyat
- Computer science

Salient Curricular Features

- Non-traditional curriculum in social studies from Grade III onwards
- Switched to world-renowned Singapore mathematics curriculum for Grade I to Grade V
- Non-traditional mathematics exposure (Grade III onwards)
- All grades have regular science laboratory activities in which students perform the experiments themselves.
- Computer science follows code.org in Grades I-V. Grade VI learns typing and Scratch programming (edX.org)

Salient Extra-curricular Features

- Public speaking opportunities for Grades I-III.
 - Regular debating and poetry in Urdu and English opportunities in the weekly drama period.
 - Annual class play for each grade.
- Grades IV onwards formally participate in:
 - Interhouse competitions
 - Annual play

Middle School

Features

- Grades VII - IX
- Graded only on the basis of A, B, C, D and F.
- Fully participate in all formal competitions

Academic Subjects

- Urdu
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social studies (or Pakistan studies)
- Islamiyat
- Computer science (VII and VIII only)

Salient Curricular Features

- Exposure to a wide assortment of original literature both in English and in Urdu
- Non-traditional curriculum in social studies
- Science curriculum focusses on concepts, experimentation, and data analysis instead of mere memorization
- Python programming in Grades VII and VIII ([coursera.org](https://www.coursera.org) and [edX.org](https://www.edx.org))

Grade IX

- O level curriculum in Pakistan studies and Islamiyat (exam at the end of Grade X).
- O level curriculum in mathematics
- O level curriculum in sciences for this year (under review)
- Our own curriculum in English literature and Urdu literature.

High School

Starting O Level

- Cambridge considers it a two-year programme starting in Grade 10. In Pakistan various schools implement it differently.
- IBCC requirement of 8 subjects (5 compulsory, 3 elective).
- Initially Maktab is offering 9 subjects:
 - Urdu, English Language, Mathematics, Pakistan Studies, Islamiyat, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Literature.

O Level Language & Literature

- Option of Urdu 3247 (first language) or Urdu 3248 (second language).
- Initially all science subjects being offered: English Literature 2010 also optional.

Other Subjects at O Level

- Expert Faculty with years of experience both at O Level and at A level.
- If you have any particular concerns please discuss with relevant faculty member after presentation.

Reminder of Policies

Community Service

- Some problems last year due to FLL.
- Grade 7
 - Voluntary participation
- Grade 8
 - IB guidelines are about 50 hours per year.
 - Our requirement for Grade 8 only
 - 14 Sundays each academic year.
 - Hope that all children will do more at home or at Maktab.

Grading Scheme for Grades I-II

- Relative weights
 - 1st term class. 15 %
 - 1st term midterm. 10 %
 - 1st term final. 20 %
 - 2nd term class. 15 %
 - 2nd term midterm. 10 %
 - Final. 30 %

Grading Scheme for Grades III-X

- Relative weights
 - 1st term class. 10 %
 - 1st term midterm. 10 %
 - 1st term final. 20 %
 - 2nd term class. 10 %
 - 2nd term midterm. 10 %
 - Final. 40 %

Minimum Promotion Requirements

- Grades I-VI
 - Assessment of class teacher based on subject teacher recommendations and consultation with parents.
- Grades VII-X
 - Overall GPA of 2.0 with a minimum of 2.0 in each of the major subjects (English, Urdu and Mathematics)

News To Share

Competitions

- Yesterday won the First Science Bowl organized by LUMS and LGS.
- First Lego League: Premier international robotics competition.
 - Made it to the national last year.
 - Try fielding two teams this year (one from Maktab's Community Initiative)
- Various mathematics competitions (ISMO, Kangaroo)
 - Won various positions nationally and regionally

Rules and Regulations

- Maktab's Student Handbook on the website.
- Please read and adhere to the School Rules.

Thank you