

# Nile River School

## Kindergarten and Children's Centre

Baharwa Village, Al Ayat, Giza, Egypt

School Year 2012 to 2013



### Dear Friends,

We are happy to look back on our first school year in our new school building. It was a lot of hard work finishing of the building besides the running of the school. Thanks to your moral and material support we can present the following achievements:

**Successful graduates from kindergarten.** Our Kindergarten students going to First Grade this year have learnt to read and write the Arabic alphabet and number recognition. They are independent and accomplished in puzzles and other cognitive games and free drawing. They have learnt basic discipline and some English phrases and songs. They are performing better than others who could afford to be sent to a regular kindergarten in town. We are very proud of this achievement!

**Local Kindergarten assistant.** A local girl has learned to teach basic Arabic skills to all ages but mostly to kindergarten children. She has truly earned the title of 'teacher' by doing.

**Inspiring the love for learning and confidence building.** We used many creative ways and learning incentives to develop their love for learning and becoming confident. Four children made their own picture book with illustrations.

- **Child to child teaching.** We encouraged older children to help teach the younger ones. This became a fun activity adopted naturally by the children. Three children were outstanding in this skill.
- **English.** All children are familiar with basic English conversation, the alphabet and know about 10 songs.
- **Computer.** Two outstanding students have started to learn computer skills including speed typing.
- **Arts and Crafts.** All children made one or more calligraphy 'koraneys'. Totally we made about 200 besides other art work.



We are looking forward to build on this first year's achievements with this coming year.

### How you could help us:

**Volunteering to teach a class** or workshop on any topic of your interest for 1 to 2 hours on a Saturday. Please come at least once a year! Just some ideas:

- Life skills: hygiene, nutrition, health, ecological awareness, recycling, safety, first aid
- Math skills: use of money in buying and selling, measuring, calculating

- Professional skills: introducing professions and study options
- Behavioural skills: communication, mediation, problem solving, team-building
- Arabic, English, science, arts, crafts, music, songs, theatre, geography, history, introducing a country, showing a film, martial arts, sports, sewing etc.

**Donation of educational material** We can use almost any material things at the school or in the village. We welcome chairs, tables, Arabic-English and English-Arabic dictionary, shelves, sewing machine, computer, gas stove and gas bottle, paint, one-side used paper, flower pots etc.

**Donations of cash.** We totally depend on contributions for regular expenses such as security, electricity, teacher supports and general repairs and maintenance.

Thank you for your kind support, and please contact me for any arrangements.

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