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All Heads of Institutions affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Celebration of Reading Week from 9th to 15th September 2019

Dear Principal,

The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 at pages 40-41 highlights the need of building opportunities for individualised reading at all stages in order to promote a culture of reading. NCF 2005 also states that the foundational role of the skills associated with language does not stop with the primary or elementary classes, but extends all the way up to secondary and senior secondary classes as new needs arise in the subject areas. In order to promote reading skills among students of all classes, CBSE has taken the following specific initiatives over the years:


- ✓ Encouraging reading habits among school children (*vide circular no. 17 dated 16 July, 2003*).
- ✓ Circulation of the guidelines on management and use of library among all schools (*vide circular no. 23, dated 12 September 2006*).
- ✓ **Reading Projects** emphasizing on the purpose of reading, the skills to be developed and the techniques and procedures that can be adopted to enrich the reading experience of student (*vide circular no. 54, dated 21 October 2009*).
- ✓ **Donate a Book** campaign (*vide circular no. 47, dated 10 August 2010*)
- ✓ List of Indian Authors and their books as suggested reading material for classes 5-12 (*vide circular no. 09, dated 15 February, 2011*)
- ✓ Circular on Promoting Reading Habits dated April 11, 2019

In continuation to its efforts to promote Reading Habits among students, on the occasion of International Literacy Day on 8th September, CBSE announces celebration of Reading Week in all its affiliated schools from 9th to 15th September 2019.

A list of suggestive activities is given at annexure 1. The Learning Outcomes document that provides several age-appropriate pedagogical practices for developing Reading as a skill can also be referred at:

https://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Learning_outcomes.pdf

The activities carried out by students during the Reading Week can be assessed as part of the Subject Enrichment Activities for classes up to Secondary level.


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Annexure 1

LIST OF SUGGESTIVE ACTIVITIES

- I. Making a reading-rich environment, displaying signs, charts, work-organising notices, etc
- II. **Lunch-Bench Buddies:** informal Reading Clubs/ Circles that students attend on a voluntary basis; holding the meetings during lunch, in your classroom or another quiet area.
- III. **Reading Hour Session:** Inviting an author for giving lecture during reading hour session
- IV. **Classroom Reading Corners:** Developing Reading Corners/class libraries to provide relevant and age-appropriate children's literature.
- V. **LITFEST:** Organising a literature fest where various characters interact with each other
- VI. **Book Review:** Reviews of the book of any genre chosen by a student
- VII. **Reading Appointment at my child's school:** Enlisting interested parents to come in and be a mystery reader.
- VIII. **Read-a-Thon:** Have a Read-a-Thon/ Fastest Reader of Class/ School
- IX. **Making Book-Buddies:** pairing students together and asking them to choose and read a book and then present the findings before the class
- X. **Getting into Character:** Reading stories/ poem/ book etc. and enacting, re-creating timelines of events, characters etc on the basis of the poem/ story/ book read.
- XI. **Integrating Reading and Fine Arts:** Reading stories/ poem/ book etc. and drawing pictures, posters etc on the basis of the poem/ story/ book read.
- XII. **Readebate Competition:** Debating and defending the actions of characters in the story/book read
- XIII. **Audio-Reader:** Making an audio story out of a novel/ text read
- XIV. Making Reading Activity Calendar
- XV. Snake and Ladder Reading Board
- XVI. Creating Reading Games/ puzzles/ riddles
- XVII. Creating Story Maps
- XVIII. Making Comic Strips
- XIX. Re-inventing/ re- interpreting a book
- XX. Community Reading Circle
- XXI. **Swachchata Reading:** Read up on all aspects related to cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation and present in class.
- XXII. **Gandhiji Fan Club:** Read about life and works of Mahatma Gandhi and discuss relevance of the values expressed by him today / now.