

Circular No. TOS/FRO/CIR /P-P/10-11/02

The Orchid School

Baner, Pune

Workshop for Parents on the Whole Language Approach for English

Date: 14.7.09

Circular for Jr. KG and Sr.KG

Dear Parents,

We at TOS use the ' Whole Language Approach ' for learning any language.

'Whole language' means to get back to the basics in the real sense of that word i.e. to set aside books and tests and invite children to engage in more meaningful learning experiences. The idea is to create an environment which is print –rich and activities such as reading stories aloud, sharing books, motivate the children to read and write with pleasure and with a purpose. In whole language approach classrooms, there is much to talk about, listen for, write about, and read about. Without meaningful experiences, listening and reading cannot make sense, and one cannot certainly talk or write about things that are not understood.

We believe that parents are our equal partners in educating children and helping them to grow and develop into a complete personality. Thus we have been conducting language workshops for you for the last three years so that you will be able to assist your children in their literacy development which includes listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The aim is to invite parents to support and compliment the ongoing reading program in school. The workshop is highly interactive and activity based. It will be filled with hands-on activities for parents to replicate and enjoy at home with their children.

It is essential for parents who did not attend this workshop last year. However, parents who did attend last year are most welcome to participate.

The topics that will be broadly covered in the workshop are:

- Action phonics
- Whole word method
- Experience story
- Lot of language games
- Different techniques of teaching the language

We hope that you will register your name for the workshop as it will help you to help your child.

The details of the workshop are as follows:



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Details of the workshop

- **Date : 17th July 2010 (Saturday)**
- **Venue: The Orchid School, Multi Purpose Hall**
- **Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **Reporting time : 8:45 a.m.**
- **Registration : Rs 100/- per person**
- **Facilitator: Ms Shilpa Solanki**

Notes:

- Please carry a jotting pad/diary and pen
- At least one parent must attend the workshop.
- Fill in the registration slip and send it through your child to the class teacher, however payment can be made on the day of the workshop.

Regards
TOS Team

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