



CANVAS CONNECT 2024

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MESSAGE BY **THE FOUNDER**

Dear Parents and Partners,
I am proud to share that we have completed eight remarkable years of our early childhood education journey. Starting with just one child, we've grown into a thriving community of over 7,000. At Canvas International School, we are committed to providing quality education through project-based learning, where children learn and grow together.

As we reflect on this milestone, it's crucial to highlight the importance of early years in shaping a child's development. In today's evolving world, parenting has also changed, and new-age parents must continue to learn and adapt. At Canvas, we strive to support both children and parents through this critical journey.

The Importance of Early Years and How New-Age Parents Can Keep Up

The early years of a child's life are incredibly important. By age five, 90% of a child's brain is developed, setting the stage for lifelong learning, emotional well-being, and social skills. At Canvas International School, we recognize that during these years, children aren't just learning basic concepts—they're developing communication, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence, which are essential for future success.

Parenting in the Modern World

Parenting today is different from past generations. With the influx of information and evolving expectations, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Today's parents must not only care for their children's physical needs but also nurture their emotional and mental well-

being. At Canvas, we help parents navigate this journey through continuous support, offering workshops and resources that reflect the latest in child development.

Learning Together

New-age parenting is about ongoing learning. Each child is unique, and there's no one-size-fits-all approach. That's why we at Canvas believe in creating an environment that fosters growth for both children and parents. Through open communication, we encourage parents to stay informed and flexible, making sure the learning continues at home.

The Role of Early Childhood Education

Early childhood education is key to nurturing children's holistic development. At Canvas International School, we emphasize social, emotional, and cognitive growth alongside academic readiness. We partner with parents to ensure that the lessons learned in school are reinforced at home, creating a consistent foundation for children to thrive.

Together, We Shape the Future

At Canvas, we're committed to helping children build the confidence, empathy, and skills they need for the future. By working together, parents and educators can ensure that children are not just prepared academically but are also emotionally strong and ready for the challenges ahead.

With Love,
HEMA HARCHANDANI
Founder and Managing Director





FIRST STEPS INTO STORIES: WHY READING MATTERS FOR TODDLERS

Reading to toddlers is one of the most powerful tools parents and caregivers have to nurture a child's early development. At this age, a child's brain is like a sponge, soaking up information from every experience. Introducing them to books at an early age lays a strong foundation for language acquisition, cognitive development, and emotional growth. When toddlers are read to regularly, they begin to recognize the sounds, patterns, and rhythms of language, which enhances their vocabulary and communication skills.

Books open up a world of imagination for toddlers, allowing them to explore new ideas, places, and characters that they may not encounter in their everyday lives. This exposure fosters creativity and helps them develop a sense of empathy as they learn to understand different perspectives and emotions. Reading together also strengthens the bond between the child and the adult, creating a comforting and secure environment where the child feels loved and supported.

Moreover, developing the habit of reading early on instils a lifelong love for books. Toddlers who enjoy reading are more likely to carry this enthusiasm into their school years, leading to better academic

performance and a broader understanding of the world. Reading also helps toddlers develop focus and attention as they learn to sit still and listen to stories, which is a crucial skill for their future learning experiences.

Beyond the cognitive and linguistic benefits, reading can also be a soothing ritual that helps toddlers wind down and prepare for sleep. The familiarity of favourite stories provides a sense of routine and comfort, making bedtime a peaceful and enjoyable experience.

In conclusion, the power of reading to toddlers extends far beyond entertainment; it is key to unlocking their potential. By making reading a part of their daily routine, parents and caregivers are giving toddlers a gift that will benefit them throughout their lives. The stories they hear today will shape the way they think, feel, and understand the world tomorrow.



ASHA SHARMA
ACADEMICS & QUALITY HEAD



1ST DAY OF ACADEMICS YEAR 2024-25

April beginning is here at last,
A new adventure's coming fast.
With backpacks packed and shoes so neat,
We're ready for a brand-new beat.
All the branches of Canvas welcomed
Canvins with great enthusiasm and zeal.

"We made new friends, met new facilitator and enjoyed clicking selfies on a selfie stand."

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Preparing a child for their first day of school can be an exciting yet anxious time for both parents and children. Here are some helpful tips for parents to make the transition smoother:

1. Talk About School Positively

- Introduce the Concept: Start talking about school in a positive light, highlighting the fun activities and new friends they'll meet.

2. Establish a Routine

- Consistent Bedtime
- Morning Routine

3. Visit the School Together

- Familiarize with the Environment
- Meet the Teacher

4. Practice Independence

- Self-Care Skills
- Encourage Playtime Alone

6. Pack Together

- Involve Them
- Label Belongings

7. Manage Separation Anxiety

- **Short Goodbyes:** On the first day, keep goodbyes brief and positive. Reassure them that you'll be back soon and that they'll have fun.
- **Comforting Ritual:** Establish a goodbye ritual, like a special hug or a phrase, to make parting easier.





WORLD HEALTH DAY – 6TH APRIL

The World Health Day celebration successfully met its objective of promoting health awareness and encouraging healthy habits among students and staff. The events were well-received, and the school community demonstrated a keen interest in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

A few branches of Canvas Celebrated this day by organising free health check-up camps.

Health specialists like doctors and nutritionist have been called to school campus and parent partnership program was held. The sole objective of this program was to promote healthy practices for healthy living.



Parent Partnership

Here are the top 5 health tips for toddlers to ensure their well-being and development:

1. Balanced Nutrition - Variety is Key
2. Regular Physical Activity - Active Play & Limit Screen Time
3. Consistent Sleep Routine- Adequate Sleep & Sleep Environment

4. Regular Health Check-ups- Routine Paediatric Visits & Dental Care

5. Hygiene and Safety – Hand washing & Safety Measures

WORLD HERITAGE DAY – 18TH APRIL

The World Heritage Day celebration effectively met its objective of increasing awareness about cultural heritage and cultivating an appreciation for diverse cultures among students and staff. The range of activities offered a thorough exploration of heritage and its importance. Canvins made and presented a PowerPoint presentation of world heritage sights . A few branches of Canvas have organised filed trip to the heritage sights in their city.





Did you know?

India is known for its heritage because of its incredibly rich and diverse history, culture, and traditions that have evolved over thousands of years.

Rajasthan, one of India's most popular tourist destinations, attracts millions of visitors annually. The number of tourists visiting Rajasthan each year can vary, but in recent years, it has typically seen around **50-55 million visitors annually**.

EARTH DAY – 22ND APRIL

Cute Little Canvins observed World Earth Day, with sincerity and a sense of commitment. A range of events were organized to sensitize the children about the importance of conserving natural resources and motivate them to contribute towards protecting their environment.

Posters and banners were put up across the school to build awareness, and Canvis sang



song to praise mother Earth and to highlight the significance of Earth Day.

Less Known Facts about Earth

Earth Has "Goldilocks" Conditions

Earth is located in the "Goldilocks Zone," where it's not too hot and not too cold, making it just right for liquid water to exist – a key ingredient for life.

PEP UP – PARENTING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Each summer, Canvas hosts a series of valuable webinars led by experts on various topics, including health and nutrition, mental well-being, Leo Play, communication, and more. Our parent community greatly appreciates the PEP Up series.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY – 23RD APRIL

The event was organized to honour the significance of the English language in global communication, literature, and education, and to promote a love for language among students and staff.

The fest was well planned

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Story Bag Activity



Storybook Swaps



Storyland (Dress up as your favourite story character)



गाथागीत A Ballad



कहानियां और कला Art & Craft Activities





INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY – 29TH APRIL

International Dance Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at Canvas. The event was organized to recognize the significance of dance as an art form, promote cultural diversity, and provide a platform for students to showcase their talents.

Highlights:

- **Dance Workshops:** Engaging workshops were conducted in Canvas schools, where students and staff explored various dance forms and techniques. These workshops offered hands-on learning experiences and fostered a deeper appreciation for dance.
- **Dance Competitions:** Exciting dance competitions were held for both parents and students across Canvas schools. The competitions were a highlight of the celebration, featuring a diverse range of performances and creative choreography. The vibrant atmosphere and spirited performances made the celebration a memorable event. What a spectacular celebration it was!

POOL PARTY – 3RD MAY

Canvas Aqua Party was a spectacular success, bringing together learners & teachers for a day of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

The event was held in school at our beautifully decorated pool area, which was transformed into a vibrant aquatic paradise.

- **Dive into Fun:** From the moment the party started, the excitement was palpable. Students of all ages enjoyed splashing around, playing pool games, and taking part in friendly swimming competitions.
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SUMMER CAMP – 13TH MAY TO 25TH MAY

- **Make it Monday** was designed to cater to needs of our visual smart kids. They thoroughly enjoyed making different craft articles using waste materials.
- **Take a trip Tuesday** aimed at exploring the surroundings & encouraging research skills in kids. The learners explored gardens, vegetable market & bank to gain practical knowledge.
- **Witty & Wild Wednesday** was superbly executed by the learners by making toys and machines with DIY techniques. STEAM has

always been their favourite section.

- On a **Talkative Thursday** kids enjoyed storytelling, dramatization and Story making sessions.
- **Foodie Friday** was tasteful Friday when kids made summer juices and Summer foods.
- Stunning dance performances were seen on **Super Saturday**.

Bravo to all the creative facilitators and enthusiastic learners for wonderful Execution of Summer Camp.





SUMMER TIME – SPECIAL DAY CONTEST WINNERS

- **Milk Moustache Contests** on World Milk Day- 1st June
- **Glam it up Contest** on World Bicycle Day - 3rd June
- **World Environment Day** Contest – 5th June
- **Pose Like Papa**- Father's Day Contest – 16th June
- **International Yoga Day**- Little Yogi Contest – 21st June

Yoga us like music.
The rhythm of the body,
The melody of the mind,
And the harmony
Of the soul creates
The symphony
Of The Soul Creates
The Symphony of Life.

Soulful International Yoga Day was celebrated in all the branches of Canvas. Little yogis participated in Asana Challenge. It was a wonderful celebration.

- **Go Mad with Mud** Contest on Mud Day – 29th June

Splish, Splosh , Splash , straight in the Mud.
Mud bath is therapy and playing with mud is a rejuvenating activity.

A few centres of Canvas celebrated this day in school and few at home who had summer break.

The kids made toys with mud. Played in mud pool. Used mud in day to day life.







THE 'D' DAY DOCTOR'S DAY – 1ST JULY

Doctor's Day is a special day that was celebrated to honour and appreciate the contributions of doctors to society. The kids participated in a doctor role-play, and some branches invited real doctors to organize a talk show. Branches also spoke about how you can become a doctor.



NO TO PLASTIC BAG DAY – 3RD JULY

Plastic is not fantastic for the environment. So, on NO PLASTIC BAG Day, the kids at Canvas suggested alternatives to plastic bags. They made paper bags and painted the cloth bags. It was a productive and satisfying day.



CHOCOLATE DAY CELEBRATION – 6TH JULY

Chocolate so sweet, a delight to behold,
A treasure wrapped in silver and gold.
With each little bite, it melts on the tongue,
A symphony of flavors, a song to be sung.
Dark, milk, or white, each with its charm,
A comfort that soothes, like a warm arm.
In brownies, in bars, in a cup of hot cheer,
Chocolate is joy, so simple, so dear.

Look at the sweet stars ready to walk the ramp. It was a sweet delight to watch them becoming their favourite chocolate.



INTERNATIONAL MOON DAY – 20TH JULY

The event aimed to educate participants about the wonders of the moon, its significance in science and culture, and the history of lunar exploration.





FROM CURRICULUM DESK

FREE PLAY ACTIVITY

“Children choosing what they want to do, how they want to do it and when to stop and try something else. Free play has no external goals set by adults and has no adult imposed curriculum. Although adults usually provide the space and resources for free play and might be involved, the child takes the lead and the adults respond to cues from the child”.

Importance of Free Play

Free Play Promotes Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Free Play Encourages Cognitive

Development and a Child's Ability to Solve Problems

Free Play Supports a Child's Physical Development

Free Play Enhances a Child's Language and Understanding of Cultures

Free Play Reinforces Classroom Learning

Free Play Allows a Child to be Happy, and Their Teachers Too!

Parent Partnership

Sensory Bins:

- Create a sensory bin using items like rice, beans, or sand. Add small toys, spoons, and containers for scooping, pouring, and sorting.





PHONICS TIME

Phonics is a method of teaching children to read. Phonics works by breaking words down into its individual sounds. There are 42 different sounds in the English language. Learning to read with phonics is therefore a bit like learning a code, after learning just a few sounds; you will be able to use this code to read 100's of words. The more sounds you know, the more words you will be able to work out how to read.

Not all words are phonetically decode-able however, a select few words you need to learn through the 'sight words' method of learning to read.

Why is phonics the best method for teaching my child to read?

Phonics makes learning to read easier, simpler, and crucially gets children reading quicker. This helps to increase a child's confidence and instil a love of reading from an early age. Rather than memorising 1,000's of words individually, children are instead taught a phonics 'code'.

This code helps children work out how to read 95% of the English language.

Our Super Readers Having Fun in Their Phonics Classes



Parent Partnership

Read Aloud Regularly

Read books aloud to your child daily. Point out letters and their sounds as you read. Choose books with rhymes and repetitive phrases to reinforce phonemic awareness.



NEW BRANCH LAUNCH





FRANCHISE PARTNER TESTIMONIAL

"As proud owners of a Canvas Preschool franchise, we couldn't be more satisfied with the support provided by the Canvas HO team. From the initial setup to on-going operations, their guidance has been exceptional. They have equipped us with the tools and resources needed to succeed, and their prompt assistance whenever challenges arise is invaluable. The comprehensive training programs, marketing support, and regular updates ensure that we are always ahead of the curve. Thanks to their unwavering commitment, our preschool is thriving, and we feel confident about our future growth. Partnering with Canvas Preschool has been one of the best decisions we've made!"

Ms. Madhu Jangid & Mr. Sandeep Jangid
Directors – Canvas International Pre-School, Dhawas, Jaipur



PARENTS' TESTIMONIAL

My son is studying at Canvas Preschool, and I am very happy with his overall growth. The teachers are excellent, explaining things in a very simple and easy-to-understand manner. The school environment is wonderful, and I'm grateful that my child is part of Canvas Preschool.

Priyanka Gautam
Dhawas, Jaipur



I'm thrilled with the activities planned by the school and delighted to see my child growing each day. My wish is for my child to develop compassion and kindness and I want to thank Canvas International Pre- School for helping him to become one every day.

Arti Sharma –
Mother of Ram Sharma –
Dhawas, Jaipur



UPCOMING EVENTS (SEPTEMBER)

- Teacher's Day
- Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration
- Glam to Grand of Grandparents Day
- Hindi Diwas
- A piece to Peace on Peace Day
- Use heart to Know heart on Heart day