

Welcome to Abu Dhabi  
Grammar School  
(Canada)

**Parent Orientation**  
**June 2017**

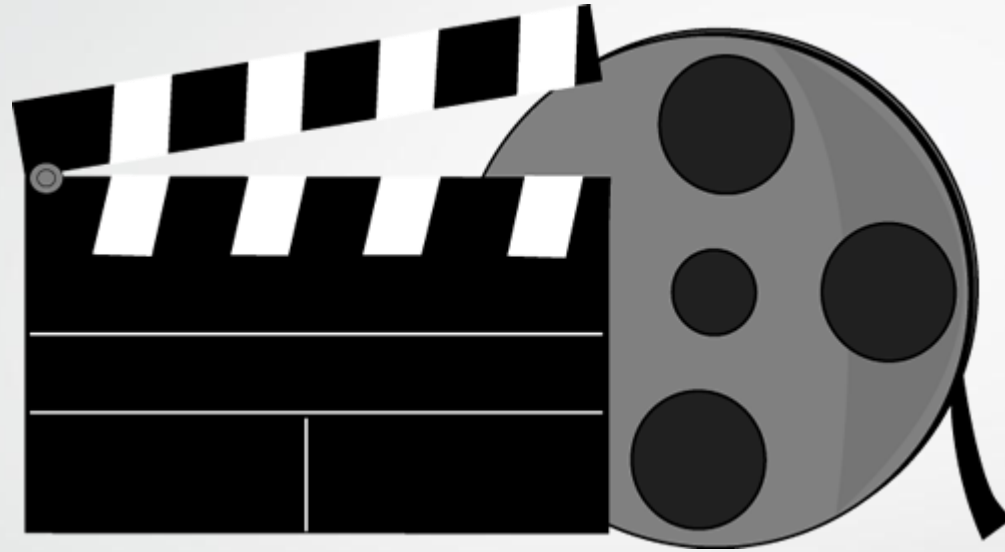
# First Day of School

- The first day of school for students will be **Sunday 10 September**.
- On **10 September only**, school times will be the following:
  - **7:55am ~ KG to Grades 6**
  - **11:00am ~ Grades 7 to 9**
  - **1:00pm ~ Grades 10 to 12**
- The school will be open for staff on **September 3, 2017**.

# A Typical Day at AGS

- **7:45** – Students arrive
- **7:55** – Morning Assembly
- **8:00** – Students go to classes
- **2 x 25 minute breaks** during the day for students to eat and play outside
- **2:00** – Dismissal for KG2 – Gr. 2 students
- **3:00** – Dismissal for Gr. 3 – 12 students
- There will be different sessions of After School Activities for students in Grades 1 – 12

# A Typical Day in KG2



- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p1OV5jOii8&feature=emshare\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p1OV5jOii8&feature=emshare_video_user)
- This video was made by one of our KG 2 teachers last year. It has lots of great info for our new KG 2 parents and students.

# Specialist Classes<sup>\*</sup>

Every week your child will participate in the following classes:

Classes	KG 2	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3	Grade 4 to 8
<b>Arabic</b>	4 x 40 minutes	6 x 40 minutes	6 x 45 minutes	6 x 50 minutes
<b>Islamic</b>	<i>Integrated into Arabic Class</i>	3 x 40 minutes	3 x 50 minutes	2 x 45 minutes
<b>PE</b>	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 45 minutes
<b>Music</b>	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	1 x 45 minutes	1 x 60 minutes
<b>Arabic Dramatic Arts</b>	-	1 x 40 minutes	1 x 45 minutes	-
<b>French</b>	-	-	-	2/3 x 50 minutes
<b>Swimming</b>	-	-	-	<i>Integrated into PE</i>

<sup>\*</sup>Class times may vary slightly.

# KG Curriculum – Learning Through Play\*

- AGS practices a play-based educational approach
- Play in the classroom is often intentional and planned by the teacher to meet specific subject-related curriculum outcomes
- Play-based learning in the classroom often involves designing, building, testing, estimating and measuring, and exploring ideas through words and movement
- Often, a range of outcomes can be achieved in a single learning experience
- In the Canadian curriculum, KG is considered a developing year. Every child develops at their own rate, so there are no set expectations, instead teachers guide them to be the best they can be.

\* From *Let's talk about... Learning through Play*, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Public School Program.. For the full pamphlet, please go to [https://www.ednet.ns.ca/files/curriculum/LTA\\_Play.pdf](https://www.ednet.ns.ca/files/curriculum/LTA_Play.pdf)

# Learning Resources & Assessments

- **Textbooks**
  - Used as a supplemental resource. Students do not have textbooks to take home.
- **Technology**
  - Online subscriptions; Math Makes Sense (Math Curriculum), RAZ Kids, BrainPop.
  - Technology available at AGS and in the Classroom; iPads, ChromeBooks, laptops, SMARTboards
- **Homework**
  - Homework is not compulsory, especially in the lower grades. Teachers will assign homework, as necessary.
- **Assessments**
  - Take place in a variety of ways: presentations, projects, assignments, etc.

# School Uniform

- Students are expected to have the following, with the AGS logo:
  - ~ polo t-shirt
  - ~ round neck t-shirt (sports)
  - ~ black shorts (sports)
  - ~ red jacket
- Please note, students are responsible to buy their own pants for school. Pants must be **loose fitting, regular, plain black trousers**. Leggings and denim 'jeans' are **not** allowed at school. The AGS logo is not required on the pants.
- Students are required to wear **black shoes everyday** - the shoes should have **no other colour**. Students must also have PE shoes; if they are coloured, **they may only be worn during PE class**.
- **First DayTextiles** is our uniform supplier.

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# Communication


- There are many ways to keep in contact with the school and your child's teacher.
- Class email
- Class website
- School newsletter
- Appointments – available upon request
- The teachers main focus during the day is on their students so they will be unable to meet with you without a prior agreed upon appointment.

# What you can do at Home: All Grades

- **Over the summer & during the school year**
- Students should read every night – just 15 minutes is beneficial.
- Talk to your child about their day, try to engage them in a discussion.
- <https://www.parent.co/30-questions-to-ask-your-kid-instead-of-how-was-your-day/>
- Make learning fun; find ways to use mental math, reading and writing while you are together – make lists, write letters, read signs, calculate costs at a shop.
  - Playing is learning, too; give your child a chance to relax and play with their siblings or friends. This helps them learn social skills, and develop healthy relationships. Bonus, if they are being physically active.
  - Register your child in a sport; such as, swimming. Over the summer, enroll them in a summer camp. Keep them engaged.

# What you can do at home: KG – Gr 2

- Cook and bake together.
- Do puzzles of all kinds.
- Sort things (laundry, cutlery, toys, shells, keys) in various ways (colour, size, shape, lustre).
- Put on puppet plays.
- Play word games such as Twenty Questions.
- Sink and float various objects in a pan of water.
- Play counting games and recite counting poems and songs.
- Dance and sing and move.

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- Provide access to computer environments that provoke active thinking.
  - Read aloud with your child and talk about words; play with words.
  - Talk with your child often about what they have learned through play.

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# School Fees due 28<sup>th</sup> August

Grade	Fees (AED)	Textbooks	33% + Textbooks*
KGII	21,400.00	900.00	7962.00
Gr. 01	22,900.00		8557.00
Gr. 02	24,400.00	1,000.00	9052.00
Gr. 03	26,500.00		9745.00
Gr. 04	28,000.00		10440.00
Gr. 05	29,500.00	1,200.00	10935.00
Gr. 06	31,000.00		11430.00
Gr. 07	33,100.00		12423.00
Gr. 08	34,600.00	1,500.00	12918.00

- Fees can be paid with cash or cheque – no postdated cheques, please.
- If you want to arrange transportation for your child, these fees must also be paid. Please see Accounts Office.

Please note, fees are subject to change without notice. Please contact the school with questions.

Thank you for listening. Any questions?



# Questions? Comments?

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding topics covered in this presentation, please email [admissions@agsgrmmr.sch.ae](mailto:admissions@agsgrmmr.sch.ae)
- During the summer holiday, this email will be checked every 2 to 3 weeks.
- Please contact the school for questions regarding payments & accounts.
- The school will be closed over the summer. There will be a receptionist at the main office and Accounts Department will be open week days from 9:00 – 2:00.