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“Your legs will get tired. Then comes a moment of feeling the WINGS you’ve grown, lifting.”
Our Journey

This year was about learning to walk on a sharp incline. We began with hesitant steps, paused, looked back, held hands, walked again, strived, and discovered that we could fly too. Amidst the long-drawn pandemic, Sloka students and teachers splashed the cyberspace with rainbow colours. The distances were vast; however, our teachers tried to bridge them with warmth while retaining the Waldorf essence.

It is an arduous journey on an unfamiliar path. While accepting the changed reality as ‘normal’, it is difficult to tell what ‘normal’ is anymore. For teachers, it’s exhausting to correct assignments as PDFs and images. It is difficult to maintain cheer with little responses from the other side, just as (for the students) it is challenging to remain constantly attentive in a classroom.
After all, what is a classroom without occasional jokes, and stealthily exchanged notes and glances with your friends? Yet, we soldier on together: the students, the teachers and the parents, knowing well that ‘this too shall pass’, and we shall emerge stronger.

Teachers are all smiles and full of cheer during the weekly pedagogical meetings!
The Campus Beckons

Sloka campus is a riot of colours at this time of the year. Thanks to our local and in-house friends' silent and diligent work, the gardens are blooming. A Sloka student once poetically said, “on a typical day, more children can be seen hanging from the trees in our campus than fruits.”

The campus looks forward to welcoming children!
Celebration of festivals is the highlight of kindergarten years. Continuing the tradition, for Diwali, the children, parents, and the teachers made colorful rangolis, painted diyas, crafted dolls and sang songs. Lighting diyas and candles, they offered their gratitude, and prayed for everyone’s well-being.

The kindergarten teachers have tried to build “The Rainbow bridge”: story time on every Friday night at each child’s house as well as that of the teachers. It is an effort to build a connection with children during the pandemic.
The first graders were ecstatic after meeting their teacher—in person—for the first time after four months of online classes. Their journey into the land of fairies is much more realistic now and closer to their hearts! With just two online classes per week, first graders have put up inspiring work.
The second graders learnt the inspiring tales of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Jerome and explored the fascinating realm of Math. They continue to learn recorder, new songs and verses, tongue twisters, alongside the art and craft projects.
Grade 3 children learnt about various professions; they were shown live videos of potters, weavers, blacksmiths at work. In Math, their journey spanned from heavier-lighter, bigger-smaller to “how much”. They learnt standardized measurements through first-hand experience and applied their knowledge to cooking (making Sunnundalu) and measuring their rooms. Here’s a quick snapshot of their work.
GRADE 4

Norse mythology fired up the imagination of our fourth graders. Children sent letters to each other from Norse land and dived deep to meet the dreaded ‘Kraken’. The classroom throbbed with puppet shows, interviews, plays and poems.
The fifth graders listened to folktales (from various regions) and mythological stories to understand geographical features of India. Teachers and parents shared their knowledge about the diverse cultures of the Indian states. Children learnt about cuisine, costumes, and places of tourist interest. They prepared handicrafts, Kashmiri Dum Biryani, Idiyappam with their parents’ help. Moreover, they learnt Sanskrit verses, and grammar concepts.
Grade 6 children explored the biomes of Asia. To make them comfortable during the lockdown period, the block was taught as a planned virtual trip, complete with route maps, hotel and travel itinerary—all planned and shared like a real trip.

Before the block, I missed my friends. Thanks to this block, I feel like I went all over Asia with my friends. It made me feel way less lonely.

Jishnu Vadde, Grade VI
Currently, the sixth graders are observing the skies and jotting down their observations. The beautiful sky scapes are bringing out the poets, photographers, writers and artists in many of them.
Seventh graders continued their exploration of artistic geometry. They got accustomed to new tools—compass, straight edge etc.—to get the required precision. They learnt about Fibonacci’s numerical sequence and the golden spiral, observed the same in nature, and understood how this pattern occurs throughout universe.
The eighth graders learnt about the ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity — how they shaped modern-day democracies across the world—during the study of major revolutions. The process of hearing and seeing was explained in Biology and Physics classes.

The crowning glory of eighth grade is the class play. Both the sections have chosen their respective plays and are involved in play preparations.
Interviews, presentations and debates were the high points of the ninth grade classroom. Our students interviewed people from different fields as part of their assignments across all subjects. Through this work, they have not only honed their language and interpersonal skills but have also got sensitized to different walks of life. Besides academics, they continue to work on art assignments.
Grade 10

The tenth graders successfully completed their half-yearly exams online. Alongside regular curriculum, they have worked on presentations, public service announcements, art assignments and creative projects across all subjects.
Ongoing Crafts Work

In crafting there are no mistakes just unique creations.
Ongoing Crafts Work

1. Embroidery artwork with the name "Krishna".
2. Thread painting featuring a colorful snake.
3. Shadow puppet of a figure with intricate designs.
Sickness is contagious but so is LAUGHTER. Let’s choose the better one and bring joy and cheer to one another. The pandemic has taught us to be grateful in many ways. Let’s pray that we sail through this storm while gazing at the horizon and watching out for the bright spot of warm sun and clear skies!

Our heartfelt gratitude to all the HEADS, HANDS and HEARTS that helped us overcome all hurdles and led us towards the LIGHT!

Wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sloka Trust and Teachers