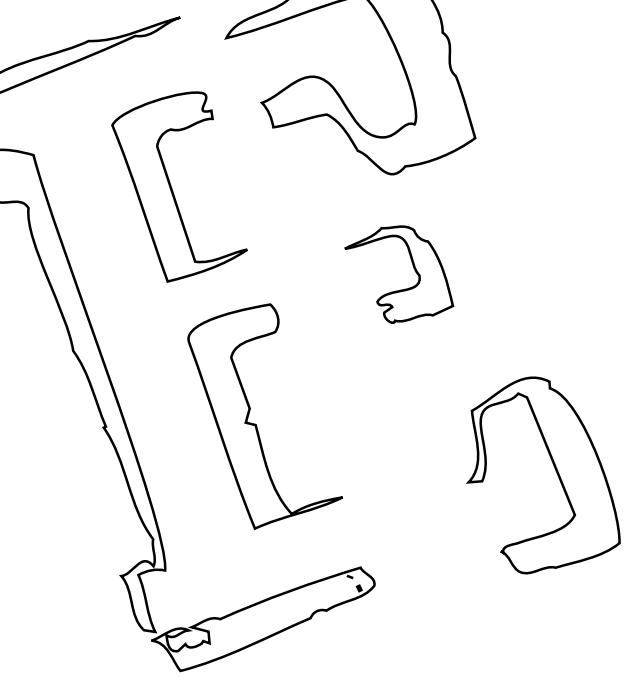




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Several events have taken place this year which have further enhanced our school spirit and I am sure that most people will agree that our International Pot Luck Dinner/Talent Show was an absolutely marvelous event that was enjoyed by all.

I know that many of our families are travelling and I would like to wish them, “bon voyage” and to those of choosing to stay in Khartoum I hope that you continue to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the Sudanese people and return rested and ready to leap into semester two.

To all our families, teachers, students and staff, Merry Christmas and have a great vacation!

Helping children become and remain readers is the single most important thing that parents and families can do to help their children succeed in school and in life.

- Read aloud to your child often. Start reading to you child when she is a baby and keep reading as they grow up. As you read, talk with your child. Encourage her to ask questions and talk about the story. Ask her to predict what will come next.
- Encourage your child to read on her own. Children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun develop the skills to be better readers at school.
- Set aside a quiet time for family reading. Some families even enjoy reading aloud to each other, with each family member choosing a book, story, poem or article to read to the others.
- Visit the library often. Begin making weekly trips to the library when your child is very young. See that your child gets her own library card as soon as possible.
- Buy a children's dictionary and start the “let's look it up” habit.
- Make writing materials, such as crayons, pencils and paper, available.

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