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Subject: Introduction of teacher-led book discussions during the school assembly in the Govt. schools of Directorate of Education from 14.11.2023.

Directorate of Education is pleased to introduce the teacher-led book discussion initiative aimed at fostering a culture of reading, knowledge, infusing critical thinking, empathy and intellectual exploration among both students and teachers during the school assembly in the Govt. schools.

Details of this initiative:

Participation: The teacher participating, on rotational basis, will have a designated turn to discuss the book they have read with the students during the assembly time. This sharing session will include insights, discussions, and elements that inspired them in the book. The Head of School must ensure the active participation of all the teachers in this initiative.

Book Selection: The teachers will have the freedom to explore various genres of books, including storybooks, biographies, autobiographies, motivational and illustrative books, etc., or those they believe will captivate the interest of students and contribute positively to their learning and growth, providing them with exposure, different themes and perspectives.

Teachers may also explore diverse, eminent, bestseller, National or International awardees authors in different languages, cultures, theme and perspectives through their book selections to offer a rich and inclusive reading experience to the students. Teachers may also make use of school library for this purpose.

It is also suggested that the students also be motivated to lead such discussion to share their ideas during assembly. Students can choose topics that are relevant and important or subjects they are passionate about. This sense of responsibility will motivate students to take ownership of their roles. The Heads of Schools will ensure the regular slots of students in assembly. To help the students to feel more confident and prepared, a teacher as a mentor may be appointed to provide guidance and support for those students who are interested in such discussions.

Online Submission: Following the discussion, the records including a summary or key points of the discussion, along with the teacher and book details must be uploaded in the designated online module.

Note: The creation of this online module for record submission is currently in process. Directorate of Education shall provide further guidance and details once the platform is ready for use.

Benefits of this initiative among students:

Fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment within the school, the teacher-led book discussions initiative will encourage a love for reading, enhance communication, promote the critical thinking, analytical skills and foster a deep inbuilt desire in students to do extra reading and research on the topics discussed during the school assembly.

The initiation of teacher-led book discussions will commence on 14.11.2023 on the occasion of Children's Day and will continue throughout the academic year on daily basis.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.



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