

POMPEI COLLEGE AIKALA

BEST PRACTICES

2019-20

1. Secular Prayer

Objective: 1. To create a sense of gratitude 2. To form affection towards teachers, companions, parents and guardians 3. To nurture a sense of belonging and companionship in the class room through prayer

Practice: All the students belonging to different religious faiths recite common prayers at the beginning of both morning and afternoon sessions. Students stand and observe a few moments of silence and recite the prayer as soon as the teacher enters the class. The prayer is recited in English language which is the medium of instruction. The prayer invokes the almighty God who is the source of all knowledge and wisdom. The prayer seeks to enlighten the minds and hearts to grasp what is learnt on that day, to lead from the unreal to the real, from darkness to light, from death to immortality and seeks to grant inspiration to seek the truth. Then, beseeches God to bless teachers, companions, parents and guardians. The prayer also seeks abundant fruit to the labour of that day, to make them instruments of his peace and help them to lighten one another's burdens. Though the prayer is recited by every individual in a group, the essence of prayer is not from the point of view of an individual but a collective entity as a class which in turn inculcates a sense of belonging and companionship. In keeping with the idea of religious freedom for all, the College has adopted a strategy of conducting Secular prayer. The prayer recited in college every day in both sessions follows the spirit of inclusion of every community.

Results: The college prayer has created a sense of goodness in the class rooms. It has made the students to focus on the task during that session. A general feeling of goodness pervades due to prayer.

2. Maintenance of class room by students

Objective: 1. To inculcate the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene of the space that they use regularly 2. To teach students the value of working in group under the leadership of class representatives

Practice: The college follows a system where the students are assigned with responsibility

through the class representatives under the supervision of the class guide to keep their existing classes clean and tidy. Students take turn to clean their classes every day after the class in rotating groups. The class representatives inform the duty well in advance and the task is chiefly monitored by class representatives themselves. They not only sweep the class on daily basis but once in a fortnight remove cobwebs and clean the room by washing it. Regularly students keep the furniture clean by wiping the dust. The Class guide and Principal complements the class for their service. This practice helps the student to be accountable and duty bound to keep their class room clean. This practice helps to carry the message of cleanliness to the family and society.

Results: it has helped to spread the message of cleanliness and maintain cleanliness. Students carry on the task of cleaning classes without any pressure being exerted on them.


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