

Namaskara Everybody,

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Today is a very special day. More like a milestone we have reached. Today is significant of the fact that we end an enriching journey, and get ready for the next. The pages here on in our book of life are now blank.

I'm sure all of us sitting over here-teachers, parents, us students, akkas, annas, everybody,- have made interesting encounters and wonderful memories with this school. Each of our journeys with Prakriya is an interesting one – loaded with ups and downs, high and lows alike.

From teaching us ABCs and 123s in Balambika, to learning how to apply these in Primary; from handling us “volatile” teenagers in Middle school to making us able individuals in High school, we have come a long way and I would like to thank each and every person for making us the people we are today.

I will always remember, as the bus rolled in to school every morning, how the ever smiling Ekki Dokki would greet us, the serene Chikka kola, the humble Honge Mara, our football field, the quiet garden, and who can forget – our lovely canteen.

Now we all know that we will be entering a new environment in a couple of months. AS we move along our paths and embark on a new chapter, my only hope for all of us is to stay true to our self. I understand that we also have to adapt, adaptation is key, but also stay lose out on who you are as a person. Aim for the stars, but also stay rooted to your beliefs. Do not forget your strengths and always have faith. Yes, it will be hard. No one said it is easy. But hang it there!

I had recently heard a song, a few months back, and I feel the lyrics are really relevant, even more so, at this moment “Hold on, as we go:

As we roll down, this unfamiliar road.
Although this wave is stringing us a long,
Just know you're not alone,
'cause I'm going to make this place your home.
Settle down, it 'll all be clear.
Don't pay no mind to the directions, they'll fill you with fear.
The trouble might drag you down,
But if you get lost you will always be found,
Just know you're not alone,
'cause I'm going to make this place your home”.

All our assemblies, our various presentations, performances, habbas, we always faced an obstacle-but what is important for us is how we tackled the difficulties and made it through, together. Have hope, have faith in yourself; trust, Believe- we'll make it all through just fine.

To close I would like to read a couple of lines from our “The Person” we wrote for Prakriya –

“Your wisdom is infinite, like the seamless Aakash;
You have helped us breeze through the years, like vayu;
You have ignited the fire within us to face the world outside with confidence and grace. Like Agni;
Your ever flowing nature has taught us to face the hightides of life, like Jal;
You have taught us to reach for the skies, but at the same time to stay rooted to our belifs, rooted to our Prithvi”.

आकाश, वायु, अग्नी, जल, पृथ्वि
बनाते जैसे पूरा ब्रह्माण्ड,
वैसे हमारे अंतरंग में
बसे हर तत्व के प्राण ।

Just as these 5 elements make the universe a whole, may we imbibe the spirit of each element to be wholesome within ourselves and with others.

Prakriya, this isn't a goodbye, just a see you soon