

*St. John's Episcopal School*



# Dear Pupils,

The school year is coming to an end and another year is waiting impatiently on our doorstep. Throughout the year, there were moments of laughter, joy and satisfaction but there were also moments of frustration. Yet, we learnt how to face these challenges successfully. These experiences are lessons of wisdom.

As your teachers, we are very proud of you, our young authors, and your writings are a precious treasure that we must preserve.

Our role is to encourage you and your writings for it is your way to success. We appreciate your hard work and believe in your abilities hoping that you will enjoy our magazine.

Finally, May God be with you in every step you take. Wishing our dear graduates lots of success.

With all my love and respect,

Grace Salameh and Elsy Ghattas  
Your English Teachers

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## **That's me**

### **Lamar Koury, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

My name is Lamar Khoury. I'm in the third grade.

I don't have sisters or brothers but I wish I do. I do have parents who love me a lot and I'm glad about it.

I have a lot of hobbies, like playing on the piano, dancing hip hop and swimming.

I have so many friends who love me. My best friend lives next to my house in Haifa.

I love to travel all over the world. My best trip was to Rome last year.

I would like to add that I was born in Haifa on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2002.

### **Ali Badarna, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

My name is Ali Badarna.

I'm nine years old.

I live in Haifa with my family.

I like soccer and I play it in ShizafSchool twice a week.

I also like watching T.V.

I like to eat tacos.

The most important thing is that I hate Justin Bieber.

### **Aline Abu Shkara, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

My name is Aline. I'm nine years old.

My favorite food is spaghetti and meat. I like animals so much and when I grow up I want to be a vet.

I like to spend my free time with my friends and my hamster.

### **Bashar Sroor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

My name is Bashar Sroor.

I'm eight years old.

I live in Haifa and I go to St. John's School. I'm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

I have a pet. My pet is a parrot.

My hobbies are: reading, writing and art (origami).

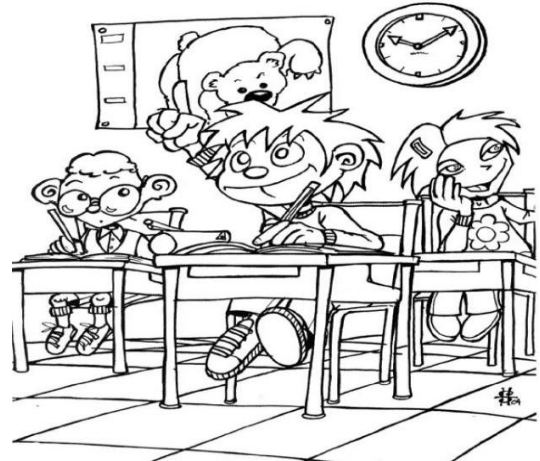
I love playing football with my friends. I also like to watch shows for children on T.V.

My favorite animal is a lion.

My favorite color is green.

My favorite food is: chicken and rice.

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### **Christina Hanna, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Hi, my name is Christina Hanna and I'm in the third grade here in Haifa. I'm almost nine years old- will be in October.

Before I start, I want to tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born in Haifa. After a couple of years my dad got a job in America, so we had to stay in America for three years.

Of course, while we were there we had to go to school. The school I went to was called Eaton Elementary School. Fortunately, I was easily able to catch up on school work and made lots of friends.

We came back this year and I'm very excited to be back.

My favorite hobbies are: swimming and travelling. I love playing on the computer and Wii. Travelling is one of my favorite hobbies. It teaches me about different cultures and traditions and it's always exciting.

As for swimming, I've been taking lessons for a while and I've enjoyed every second of it.

## Tamara Spector, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

My name is Tamara.

I was born in February the 20<sup>th</sup> 2002.

I have a brother and a sister.

I like eating pizza, chicken and salad.

I like to swim in the pool.

I like Sundays because I go to my grandmother and in the afternoon, my brother and I play chess.

I like doing my homework and traveling with my family.

I love spring time. It is full of sweet smells of flowers and colorful butterflies.



## Have a Laugh

### Layan and Nadine, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Human: What is a century like?

God: It's like a second.

Human: What is a billion dollar like?

God: Like a penny.

Human: Can I have a penny?

God: Sure, just wait a second. Hahahahahaha



If you have it, you want to share it.

If you share it, you don't have it.

What is it?

A SECRET

If you drop a yellow hat in the red sea, what does it become?

WET!!!

## My Favorite Season

Noor Najjar, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

I like summer...

My birthday is in summer. It's hot and we can swim and play on the sand.

In summer we don't have school because we have a vacation. We can visit our friends and family.

We are allowed to watch movies at night because we can go to bed whenever we want... that's why I like summer.



**Lorna Bakhit, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Spring is my favorite season. I was born in this beautiful season.

In spring, our garden is decorated with colorful flowers and we can smell their perfume.

The butterflies are hopping between the flowers and the trees are dressed in green.

On my birthday, I go with my family on a picnic and we see awesome views and the springs are full of water. The weather is warm. We hear the birds singing and we can see them flying between the trees and the blue sky.

In spring, I feel that nature is laughing to me and I am very happy.



## What am I?

**Sahar Mouallem, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I am a farm animal.

I run fast.

I'm cute.



**Lara Suidan, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I have a strong body.

I have long legs.

What am I? I'm a horse.

I am a very small animal.

My color is black, white, brown or gray.

I have a long tail and big ears.

I like to eat cheese.

I run and move quickly.

What am I? I'm a mouse.



**Jihan Asmar, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I am furry.

I have two colors: black and white.

Sometimes I'm dangerous and sometimes I'm friendly.

I'm a huge animal.

I live in cold places.

What am I? I'm the panda.

**Lina Mouallem, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I'm friendly.

I'm beautiful.

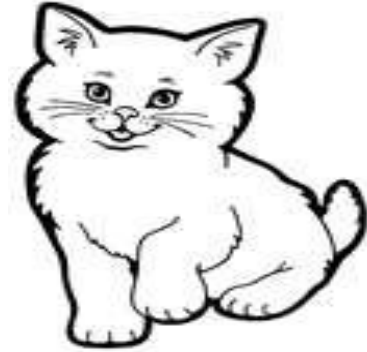
I'm a pet.

I'm furry and cuddly.

I'm a cute pet.

Milk is my favorite drink.

What am I? I'm a cat



**Karine Salameh, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I am furry

I am cute

I am sometimes dangerous

And sometimes wild

I am black and white

Can you guess what am I? I'm a Panda

Farid Farah, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Would you like to be my Penpal?

**Farid Farah, 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Dear penpal,

My name is Farid. I live in Haifa, Israel.

I am ten years old. I speak Arabic, Hebrew and English.

My hobbies are listening to music and playing football.

I also like playing computer games and playing on the piano.

## How Do I Learn English?

**Shadi Absawy, 5th Grade**

English is one of my favorite subjects at school and I'm good at it.

In order to improve my English, I do the following:

1. I take English courses.
2. I watch English movies.
3. I ask mom and dad about difficult vocabulary.
4. I listen to English music.
5. I play computer games with English instructions.
6. I ask my teacher when I need help.
7. I read English books or magazines.
8. I chat with friends in English.



## **My Family's Eating Habits**

### **Lara Suidan, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hi, I would like to tell you about my family's eating habits.

My parents like to eat healthy food like salad, fish and fruit.

My brother likes to eat junk food and fast food like pizza, ice- cream and hamburgers.

I like to eat junk food too, especially sweets.

### **Omar Shalabi, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I love fast food and junk food but in my house there's mainly healthy food because my mother always says that fast and junk food aren't so healthy. So, we have a lot of vegetables in our house, like: broccoli, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes and carrots. Still, we also have junk food, like: a lot of chocolate, candy, crisps, ice- cream, cakes and cookies.

My mom always gives us only one snack a day so we can say that my family has healthy eating habits but enjoys a little bit of junk food every once in a while.

## **A Trip to the Golan**

### **Adan Zbedat, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Last summer I traveled with my family to the Golan.

We saw three huge waterfalls: Baniyas, Hasbani and Dan.

We swam in the cold water.

I felt very happy, because I played with my brothers and sisters and because my aunts, uncles, grandma and grandpa were with us on that trip.

I advise you to visit this amazing place in north Israel.

Take your family and I'm sure you'll have a wonderful time.

## A Trip to Thailand

**Tala Abu Alneel and Katrina Najjar, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

My sister traveled to Thailand and I want to tell you what she did in Thailand.

She saw elephants and took pictures for all of them. She also sailed to a big island in the Central River, there she found a lot of monkeys. My sister fed the monkeys some bananas.

She also traveled to another area in Thailand. She looked around her and she was very surprised to find a lot of shops. She bought a gift for each member of the family.

She had a great time and she advices you and me to travel to Thailand.



## Spring is Here!

**Katrina Najjar, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

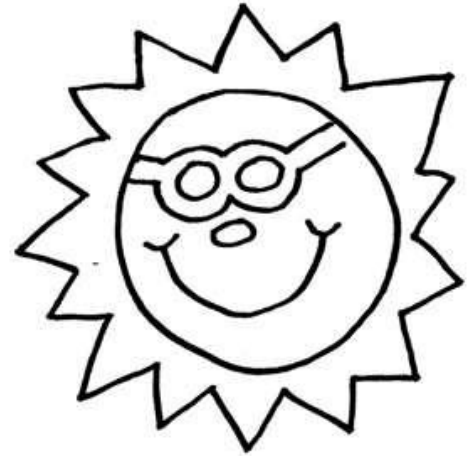
If you see many people smile,  
Wearing that color in that line,  
Children seem so happy and all are fine,  
Playing together in pairs or each nine,  
The sun can warm you, no need for wine,  
The sky is bright and birds you can see from a mile,  
From different countries they came and fly,  
Spring is here and those are the signs  
It's the season and the colors of mine.



## Wonsolosia

**Nour Nasr, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Welcome to "Wonsalasia"- an extremely hot place.  
In "Wonsalasia", people always wear short clothes.  
They swim everyday in the sea or in the swimming pool.  
There's a huge pool in every building.  
The highest temperature measured here was 65 degrees and  
the coldest pool became the hottest one.  
When you want to walk in the street you have to put sunscreen in order to protect  
yourself from the burning sun.  
Every five minutes you must drink one bottle of cold water and I recommend you not to  
leave your house. Turn on you air conditioner during the day and at night.  
So, if you want to live in a VOLCANO, Wonsalasia is the place for you.



## Oh, I Wish...

**Adi Joubran, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

I wish that school starts at twelve and ends at two!  
I wish my school will have a swimming pool!  
I wish all my friends are at the same class!  
I wish that there are no TESTS!  
I wish that we could watch T.V while studying!  
My wishes won't come true ha? Still, I'm allowed to wish...



## **An Amazing Event**

**Adi Joubran, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hi! What's up?

I have the most amazing story to tell you.

I was at the zoo, next to the gorilla's enclosure. There was another family next to me.

They had a little kid with them. The kid climbed the wall and fell into the gorilla's enclosure.

The gorilla was holding its own baby when the kid fell. The gorilla put its baby aside, picked the little kid gently and gave him back to his mom. The mother was very scared when she saw the gorilla coming towards her but was relaxed when she had her son in her arms again.

## **A Funny Report from an Earthquake Area**

**Amir Khalaily, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hi, I'm Amir Khalaily reporting from the earthquake area in San Francisco. Well lots of people were hurt and over two millions were killed. People were trapped under their damaged houses. It's so sad.

Oh my God, the dead people became Zombies!!! Run away!!! They'll eat your brains. Run... Run... There are millions of them.

This Amir Khalaily, reporting from a weird earthquake area in San Francisco.



## I Saw a Tsunami

### Raya Habib, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, my family and I were on a vacation in Hawaii. We were near the beach. While my family was busy planning where to go, I was looking at the beautiful blue sea. Suddenly, I saw a huge wave coming right to the beach and it seemed that I was the only one who saw it. I told my dad but there was a lot of noise near us and my dad couldn't understand what I said.

I took my dad's hand and ran with him to the window. When he saw the giant wave, we ran to another hotel next to ours. It was a high building and we felt safe there.

All the people who were swimming succeeded to escape and luckily no one was hurt.



## Police Report

### Ayoub Salameh

Name of Policeman: Ayoub Salameh

Police Station: James Street Police Station

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011

Suspect: Last Name: Rogers First Name: Penny

Place of Crime: James Street

Late last night we arrested Penny Rogers. The well known jewelry thief robbed a lot of stores but we couldn't arrest her.

Every time she succeed to run away quickly whenever she heard the alarm.

Last night, she tried to rob another store. The store didn't have any alarm, however, I was with three policemen at the same street and we saw her.

We ran after her to arrest her. When we arrested her, we sent her to jail for robbing more than ten jewelry stores in the city.



## My Unforgettable Holiday

### Joanna Salameh, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Last year at the Christmas holiday, my family and I traveled to America to visit my aunt. When we reached the airport, we found that my aunt and my cousins were waiting for us. We were very excited and happy to see them. We hugged and kissed each other and drove to their house.

It was Christmas evening; we had dinner together and opened the gifts.

In the next morning, it was snowing so we went to a nearby field to play with the snow. Our trip continued to New York City, where we visited the highest building in the USA which is the "EmpireState" building. We traveled to Florida to visit Disney where we had a wonderful time.

Our last stop in our journey was the cruise to the Caribbean which was really amazing and unforgettable.

## The Best Trip Ever

### Amir Khalaily, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Me, my mom and my sister traveled to Sharm in Egypt with my best friend and his mom and sister.

The first day we were very tired so we went eating and then to sleep. The second day, we swam in the pool and we had a lot of fun. The third day, we climbed on the banana in the sea. It was very scary but fun and funny too.

The fourth day, we went to the mall and to the walking street. We found lots of amazing things to buy from the shops there.

At the last day, we didn't want to come back home, we wanted to stay there...

It was an awesome trip that I'll never forget.



## Dear Mom..!

**Dima Diab, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

You filled my days with rainbow lights  
Fairy tales and sweet dream nights  
A kiss to wipe away my tears  
Gingerbread to ease my fears  
You gave the gift of life to me  
And then in love you set me free  
I thank you for your tender care  
For deep warm hugs and being there  
I hope that when you think of me  
A part of you  
You'll always see ...!!  
I love you Mom !



## On Mother's day

**Amir Fashafshe, 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

The great face I love to see  
Is from the most caring person for me  
She has a beautiful voice that I like to hear  
It is from my mother dear  
All through the year I try not to let her cry  
Because I love seeing her smile reaching the sky  
So today I stand to say  
I love you mother

## Serving Humanity

**Deema Azar, 8<sup>th</sup> grade (b)**

"If we do not lay ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve"?

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\*Abigail Adams

In life, happiness is one of the main reasons of mankind's survival. One of the sources for happiness is doing good things for the others and serving them.

Personally, I think that the quote of Abigail Adams is correct. We should lay ourselves to serve mankind because I think that if the people won't do good things for each other or serve each other, the world will be ruined, there won't be any peace, the countries will not be united and the whole world will be confused. But on the other hand, I don't agree with part of the quote which is the question. It says that people can't give service to anyone except mankind and I think its wrong because sometimes mankind can serve the environment or even animals by taking care of them giving them homes, food and other things that are necessary for their survival. There are many ways that a young person could be of service to others, like: -

- 1- A young person could help the elderly to make their life easier.
- 2- A young person could serve the community and clean up the environment.
- 3- A young person could help people from his age or younger with their school work, and help them find their way to success.

I hope that all mankind keep serving each other or even animals so we can live in a better, united, peaceful world.

## **What Makes People Special**

**Dunia Elbash, 8<sup>th</sup> grade (1)**

Every single person in the world has something that makes him different from anyone else. Some people are special because of their height no matter if they are tall or short. Others are special because of their physical and mental abilities and others are different because of lots of other things. Although we are all special..many of us don't realize that.... they only look at other people's specialties and they never look at their own. Those people have to think and look deep at their selves..and they will find something for sure..they will find their specialty. Just believe in yourself and look inside you.

because we are all special, we are all different. And we're all human. The most important thing to remember is that there is no human being on this earth that worths nothing !!!

## **To My Great Teacher**

**Maysa Zbidat, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

First, I would like to say that I love you and you are a great teacher. You pushed me hundred steps to reach to the success.

I don't want to leave you, and leave this school, I studied in this school two years but I felt I was here the whole eight years. I feel safe in this school .You taught and gave me the abilities to become an important person in my life.

I want to go to high school that will give me this ability to reach to my aim successfully. I hope that my dream will come true

## Dear Diary

**Dima Sad Din, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

I am writing this letter to you and I didn't tell anybody before, because people can't be trusted.

Last week we were having a costume day. In this day I wasn't wearing a costume, so I wore a uniform. In this day I was happy and at the same time I was sad. I just felt happy when I saw the children and my classmates wearing a very pretty costume and they were having a good time. Some pupils were dancing, playing and talking, I felt more happy when I saw some of the teachers wearing a costume. I didn't dance or laugh, I was just looking at the children and thinking what a mistake I have done, that was the biggest mistake I have ever done, I felt that I wanted to go back home and put on my costume, but I have no chance.

The future holds in his hands many other better days to share them with whom I love.

Wishing you all the best !

## Horses

**Marc Suidan, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

My favorite animals are horses and I always had a dream to become a horse rider.

When I was six years old, I used to go to Bet Oren ranch with my father and ride on a horse, when I got older I went to a riding school in Kfar Bialik, there I learned professional horseback riding and started to think about my career with horses.

Nowadays, I am a good horse back rider and my jumping leaps are 70 cm high.

I have a great time when I work with horses and ride on them. The time passes so quickly because I enjoy every minute of being there and especially when I am with my favorite horse Juan (Huan in Spanish).

I wish I will win the championship in that sport and I hope that my dreams will come true.

## Memories

**Noura Sader, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (B)**

As everybody knows life is full of ups and downs ... also those eight years will not be forgotten for quite a good time in my life. We have been through a lot together as classmates and friends. I can't choose one memory since I have tons...If I had to choose one event that I can't forget, that will be when I met my classmates for the first time. This is the memory that is still stuck in my mind and will not be removed ...

I remember I entered the class seeing extremely new faces so, for some reason my first reaction was running away!! A four years old girl running away from class...but what if I would tell you now that those faces that I have seen the other day ,are people that changed me and have an effect on my life now!!

From this day I found new friends that were beside me all the eight years (or ten)...Good, bad, funny, scary moments or any other description for a moment that may show up in your mind. We faced everything together and with lots of fun!!

It's incredibly how you can change your opinion about people. I remember the stereotypes that were on my mind when I met each one and one of my classmates, to be honest , some of them that I never thought I would even have a conversation with are now one of my closest friends!!

And now, all there is left for me is the memories that I will carry in my heart forever, my childhood.....!!!

## **A Letter to My Friends and Teachers**

**Dunia Elbash, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

I want to take this chance and tell you, how thankful I am for meeting you.. and how delighted I am that I got to know you .

It has been some incredible years and wonderful memories that I will never forget as long as I live. I will not forget the moments that we shared together, it was a great time that I will never let it go from my mind. It is hard to think about a future without you

I've got to learn lots of things from this school and when I will sadly leave it, I will walk away with a lot of knowledge and dreams about the future. Yes I will be sad to leave you all because I am used to all of you but I've got to remember to keep moving on because this is life. There are times and moments when you have to say goodbye to the people you love, but in all this grief we all should be excited for our new beginning and our new start. That's why we should all keep this sentence in our mind:

This is the beginning not the end remember that my friends

I'll always remember you

## Some Words Before Leaving

**Dima Abdo, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

\*YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL RAISED YOU FOR MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS. WRITE A LETTER TO ONE OF THE SCHOOL STAFF TELLING HIM/HER HOW YOU FEEL, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, WHAT THE SCHOOL GAVE YOU, WHAT ARE THE THINGS YOU ARE TALKING WITH YOU.

Few years ago when I was looking at the eighth grade pupils I was wondering how happy they are that they were leaving school and that they are the biggest pupils in school. Now I am in the eighth grade, I know what it feels like to leave my school. Let me tell you I am not happy because I am nearly leaving school that has been my second home and I am also leaving my brothers, sisters ←(my classmates), mothers, fathers ←(the teachers ) and it is hard to say goodbye I guess I didn't appreciate all the things I owned until it is nearly gone. We were through the good and the bad through the ups and downs and I thank everyone that was there for me. So I am going to use this chance to say thank you for this beautiful years we were next to each other, teachers and classmates. I know some of us are going to another school and some are going on the same road. I know we are done but it's not over yet. In a few years from now we are going to grow old but we are still going to know each other so if I have a chance to say something for my classmates it will be that they will never get rid of me. I will also take that chance to say thank you but also I am sorry to everyone I have hurt. Not only for my classmates that educated me and made me understand things which I never knew before. I also want to thank the teachers for not being only teachers but for being understanding and super friendly to me and everybody in this school.

Right now I feel it is a race against time to enjoy the last few days with each other. So I am thankful and grateful for having you all in these eight years of mine.

## **The Last Days**

**Aseel Ghadban, 8 grade**

Here we are facing the last days in our school. The school year will be finished and we will leave each other !!

Our days passed so fast but now we can feel how much the days were sweet and beautiful.

I lived with you two wonderful years, these were the sweetest years that I have ever had, because we love to be with each other. We are like brothers and sisters who like to see each other with the beginning of a new day !

We were just a great family being in the right location. We listened to the instructions and we didn't have any real or huge problems because we believe in ourselves !

We had the sweetest time, We laughed and cried , We taught and learnt from others .

And now I want to say thanks to every one ....

For all the teachers that worked and still working to teach us and make our class just the best.

And especially our class teacher because she was always with us She helped us every time ,she was like our mother !!

We will go on so soon and every one will go to his social life and look after his future .

I wish everyone will succeed in the future and become what he\ she wants .I want every one to fly like birds in the sky and to shine like the stars at night .

It's the time to leave our school, teachers and each others , But we don't want to cry we only want to remember the great time we had because we really had a lot of fun .

Good bye my family ! Good bye my friends !

## **The Last Letter**

**Lama Qusainy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Ladies and gentlemen, these have been the most beautiful and enjoyable years that we had together in class and during the breaks. I would like to thank you all for the beautiful years , the games, the talks and the fun we had. Despite the misunderstandings we sometimes had ... with all my heart , I hope that we will stay in contact and visit each other ...

With all my love

## **A Word About Myself**

**Hosam Lucia, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

My name is Hosam Lucia, I really like computers and everything you can do with them. I am planning to become a computer engineer. I feel like I can do anything when I have control on a computer.

My hobbies are to play Football, swim, and any other sports activity

I have one sister and one brother. I really care about them and like them. My family is all I would ever have and I will not leave them whatever happens, what I like about my family is that we all take care of each other

I go to school every day but I really don't like school, the only thing I like about school is that I have many friends and I enjoy my time with them during the school time. The teachers are good and I like them. Although some teachers sometimes annoy me I still like them all and know they care about me

## **A Letter From a Student**

**Rabea Daoud, 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Dear Miss Grace; Dear My School

I'm writing this letter to thank you and the school for everything you gave me.

When I first came to this school I was so afraid because I left all my friends behind and you gave me the hope and the support.

I will miss you and I will miss your wonderful classes.

I will never forget you and the great moments that I have spent here.

Those were my best two years ever and I won't forget that.

Finally, I want to thank you and my school for everything you gave me and provided me.

With all the respect

Your student,

## Deed in Return

Shady Barghuth, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**“The ones who have made a good deed should have it in return”**

Long time ago there was a little girl who used to sell tissue in small amount of money.

On similar day she met a miserable lady, the lady happened to be crying. It seems that she had an issue with her husband. The girl wanted to be nice so she gave her a pocket of napkin so she can dry her tears. The lady wanted to be generous and she wanted to pay for the nice girl, but the girl refused and kept on walking. The lady felt a comfort because that girl was so nice to her, so she decided to make things right between her and husband, and sent him an apology letter. The husband wanted to make his pain go away, so he started drinking. But when he saw that letter, he realized how much his wife loved him and took himself by the hands and stopped drinking. When he was on his way home he found some birds. He wanted to feed them with some seeds. There was an old lady who sells seeds so he bought some of her seeds and paid more than he should. The old lady was excited, after working hard she went to the butcher shop and bought some meat then went home to cook it and prepare dinner. The old lady was so happy because she was not able to buy meat for a very long time. Suddenly the door opened and a sweet girl came in. It was the girl that sells napkins. She came to eat dinner with her grandmother.