

A Day in the Life of a Student!

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What Makes a Great Teacher?



- Nice, Smart, Funny, Interesting
- Ability to feel close to them and be able to talk to them
- Somebody who has a passion for what they do
- A person who cares about students in class and out of class
- Understanding
- Good discipline
- Takes time to help you when problems are challenging

What Makes a Great Class?

- Teamwork
- Get help as a group
- Study and work together with dignity and respect
- Have fun together
- Cooperate with each other
- Good teacher, friendly kids and a warm environment
- Hands on teaching



What Makes a Subject Interesting?



- Activities
- Worksheets
- Plays
- The way the teacher presents the subject

California Student 1

- I wake up at 7:30 in the morning for school and I pick out some clothes to wear. Then, when my brother gets out of the shower, and my mom and I use the bathroom. I brush my teeth. Very rarely do I eat breakfast.
- Our mom goes outside to start heating up the car, and we usually start driving to school at 8:10. We finally start driving down a long, hill to the freeway. My mom drops us off as she goes to work.
- We go inside and the bell rings as our signal to go to class. We get out around 3:50. I get on the bus with my brother Ricky and we always do our homework. If we don't finish it, we either do it when we get home or at our mom's work. We get off at our bus stop and walk up to my mom's work.
- When we get to my mom's work, we go eat in the lounge. My mom gets out at 5 and we go home to Poway (I know, it's far. Right?).
- FINALLY we get home and I usually go on the computer, or play on the Game Cube. Then, I take a shower at 9 and when I get out, I read. When I'm done reading (30 minutes later)...I GO BACK ON THE COMPUTER!! ^^ Yes, then when it's 11 (or until my mom calls me to go to bed), I go to sleep.
- The next morning, MY DAY STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN!!



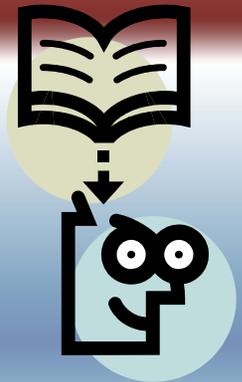
California Student 2

- My life isn't anything special. I wake up at around 6:30 a.m. to my heavy metal music and then I fall asleep again until 7:00 a.m. I have an hour to get ready.
- At school I mess around with my friends until school really starts, then we learn. At lunch we choose what we want to eat. This is just my opinion, but school lunches could be better! After lunch, we learn until school's over at 3:47 on long days.
- When I get home it's CHAOS! My brothers are like animal's running wild! Every where it's crazy! So naturally I'm exhausted when it's time for bed between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.



California Student 3

- On an average day in my shoes I wake up around 7:30. I eat breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and then get on the bus at 8:25.
- When I get to school, I play until 8:45 and we get to run around the baseball field until 9:00. We get to the class and do our morning warm-up until 9:30.
- Then we do Readers Workshop. After Readers Workshop we do Math from 10:45 up until lunch time. After lunch we have recess for 20 minutes until the bell rings. We then have to go to P.E. for an hour. Afterwards we go to art class from 3:00-3:40.
- Then we go home!



The Culture of Asiago!

Italy Student 1 Part 1

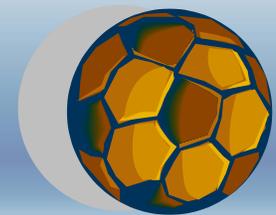
- I feel that the education in Asiago varies quite a bit from the education in the U.S. For example, while I was in Asiago I was able to learn about their schools. I will write about the similarities and differences found in Asiago and Florida.



The Culture of Asiago!

Italy Student 1 Part 2

- In Florida, outside of school, I enjoy running outside with my dog and brother. We play catch, ride our bikes, and walk our puppy. I also enjoy swimming, reading, and playing with my friends. In Asiago, all of the kids enjoy playing soccer. However, their soccer involves much more footwork and tricks. They also ice skate and ski because it is so mountainous and cold.



The Culture of Asiago!

Italy Student 1 Part 3

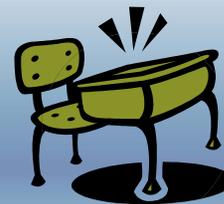
- There are a lot of crafts popular in the area of Tampa Bay, but I would say that three of the main crafts are scrap booking, artwork, and pottery painting. In Asiago, there are much more beautiful crafts! The typical style in Asiago is Tyrol, a very mountaineering, Alpine Austrian style of home and dress. The crafts there are mainly involved with Tyrol. They are made of wood and the big icons of Tyrol are trees, deer and mountains. The main colors are cream, red and green.



The Culture of Asiago!

Italy Student 1 Part 4

- A class at our school is very different from that of a class in Asiago. Our classes are filled with different learning styles and media tools. Children are treated well and teachers do their best to accommodate everyone's learning styles. A typical class in Asiago is actually very old-fashioned. There isn't any new technology and things are literally very much like how schools were in the fifties.



The Culture of Asiago!

Italy Student 1 Part 5



- All in all the feeling of Asiago is extremely traditional. The town is so small and closely knit that everyone knows everyone. In fact, in the duration of our stay, there was a death in one family. The entire town came to mourn. The families themselves can be traced back for at least twenty generations. You would see the pizza maker coming down the street on his bicycle and the local café owner at the park. The town was so perfect. It was tiny, beautiful and lovely. On one afternoon, my mother was so upset that she couldn't find a mailbox at the post office, until we walked down the street and saw the mailman!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I feel so safe in Asiago. I love it's cobblestone streets, gorgeous parks, and the church bells ringing through the town. Asiago is heaven on earth.

India!

Student 1 Part 1

- Our classes are 40 minutes long and we change classrooms throughout the day.
- During play time or physical education we play cricket and soccer, but do not have physical education daily.



- For drama, music and Spanish we rotate classes. The language classes we study are French, Hindi, English, and Spanish.

India!

Student 1 Part 2

- For our lunch program we both bring our own lunch and servants bring hot meal lunches.
- For fun, we enjoy playing video games outside of school.
- The most common type of craft in our area is carved marble.



India!

Student 1 Part 3

- When asked if we live on campus, take a bus to school or walk we responded with we take a bus or our drivers come. 
- Our school day on Monday, Tuesday and Friday is 8am – 3pm. On Wednesday and Thursday it is from 8am – 4:30pm.
- Drama seems to be one of our favorite classes.

India!

Student 1 Part 4

- In Math we study shapes, in Science we study the human body, in Social Studies we study Asia and America, and in Technology we do slide shows of our favorite sports.
- We don't have study halls but we do have Musical Theater.



Camels – in some parts of India

Mehndi – often done for weddings



CAREER OF A STUDENT

Pakistan - Student 1

- I am RAHEELA NABI from KBV CAA SCHOOL NO=3. I want to tell you something about the career of a student. The career of a student is bright & beautiful, because he is able to know what is better for himself. Education is the key to success & the student has this key. He is able to know what is better for himself & as well as for his country. That's why the career of a student is the career of the country. Being a student, I want to serve my country as a doctor.



A Most Memorable Day

Pakistan Student 2



- I am Raheela from KBV SCHOOL NO=3. 29 -SEP -2006 was the memorable day of my life. I woke up early in the morning, I was surprised to see so many gifts around me. My whole family was wishing me ey birthday. This was the most memorable day in my life. My friends also came in my home. This was one of the best days in my life.***



A Most Memorable Day Pakistan – Student 3



- On July 7th 2002, after praying at the "Khabaridam" (Tomb) of this Saintly Thirumeni, we also visited the MGM Abhaya Bhavan and the Bal Bhavan attached to the Dayara. In the Abhaya Bhavan, there were about 40 inmates who are all old/sick destitute men and women and in the Bal Bhavan there were about 30 destitute children of different ages and religions.
- In these Charity Homes, by paying RS.1,000/- we could sponsor a lunch or dinner feast as a Holy Offering for these less fortunate inmates in the name of the Saintly Thirumeni.
- Since my birthday was not celebrated due to exams in the previous month, my Mummy told that let us take the opportunity to celebrate this time with these less fortunate inmates. Accordingly we booked the lunch for 11th July, the next available date as an offering from us.
- In every sense I felt that 11th July 2002 had really created an everlasting impression in my heart and truly was a memorable day in my life.

Independent Day School

What Classes and Sports are
Like Here



independent
 **day school**

Corbett Campus



Fine Arts



Art



Performances



Band



Drama

English

At IDS we have different English teachers for every grade. In 6th grade the teacher is Mrs. Quinn. In 7th grade there are two different teachers, Mrs. Jagdmann and Ms. G. In 8th grade the teacher is Mr. Vokoun. All of these teachers combine into what we call the English department.



English – Language A



Reading & Skill Building



People Fair



Narrators



Poetry Coffeehouse

Social Studies

In Social Studies we have different teachers for each grade just like we do in English. The 6th grade Social Studies teacher is both Mrs. Boza and Mrs. Thomas. In 7th grade Mrs. Thomas is the Social Studies teacher. Then finally the 8th grade Social Studies teacher is Ms. Soule. All of these teachers are called the Social Studies Department.



Social Studies - Humanities



Teamwork



Mock UN – Multicultural Day



Projects



Museum Trip

Science

In Science we have 3 different teachers. The 6th grade Science teachers are both Mrs. George and Ms. Robinson. In 7th grade both Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Morey are the teachers. In 8th grade Mrs. Morey is the teacher. All of these teachers combine to form the Science department.



Science



Scientist Centerpieces



Reflections & Solo Work



Technology & Research



Egg Drop

Math

In Math we have 4 different teachers. In 6th Grade the math teachers are Mr. Bronson, Ms. Rosenberg, and Mrs. Rivera all at the same time. In 7th grade there are three different teachers, Mrs. Rivera, Ms. Rosenberg, and Mr. Bronson all that have different classes. In 8th grade it is the same thing as 7th grade. Mr. Dewey adds technology skills and support to the math classes. All these teachers form the Math team.



Math – Studying Distance



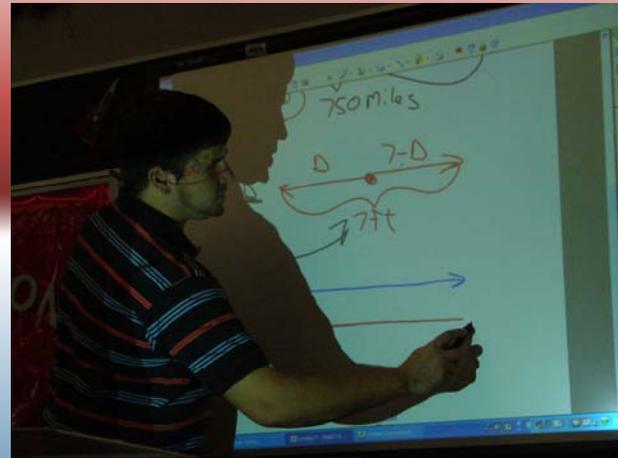
Interesting Approaches



Hands On Experiences



Engaging Lessons



Smartboard Technology

Extracurricular Middle School Sports

At IDS we have many different sports teams. We have soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, track, cross-country and tennis. Some of our coaches are: Varsity Boys' Soccer - Coach Heller; Junior Varsity (JV) Soccer - Coach Chumbley. Varsity Basketball - Coach Dewey and Coach Heller. Boys' JV Basketball - Coach Starkey. Girls' Basketball - Coach Sonny. Softball – Coach Travalino. Varsity Baseball - Coach Dewey; JV Baseball – Coach Starkey. Boys' Tennis Team - Coach Heller; Girls' Tennis Team – Coach Kathy.



Sports



Track



Basketball



Tennis



Soccer

More Sports



Baseball & Softball



Cheerleading



Cross Country



Volleyball



*Lledo' -
Castellon, Spain*

Do you stay in one classroom or change classrooms throughout the day?

We usually stay in our class. We only go to other rooms in the classes of computer science, violin, P.E., ..



How long are your classes and how often do you meet for each class?

Our classes are about 50 minutes and we have two or three weekly classes per subject.

What activities do you do during play time or physical education classes?

**We play basketball, football, swimming,
...**

**Do you have physical education (PE)
classes each day?**

**No, we only have 2 days,
Wednesday and Thursday**

What type of clubs do you have at your school?

There are sports clubs (soccer, basketball, swimming, rhythmic gymnastics, ...) and music clubs (piano, guitar, drums, ...).

What type of language programs do you have at your school?

We study Valencian, German, English and also have Trinity classes.

Do you bring your own lunch or buy hot lunches at school.



Some people have lunch at home and other people eat their food in the school dining room. Some people have lunch with their parents in the school café.



- **What type of things do you do outside school for fun?**
- **In this school some people go home after school and other people stay here to practice a lot of activities for example: paddle, football, swimming, music, etc...**



What types of items do you make in art?

We do artistic drawing using different techniques, technical drawing, ...

What types of crafts are common in your area and how do you make them?

We don't do a lot of crafts at school. We usually draw and paint in art classes but seldom do crafts.

Do you live on campus, take a bus to school or walk?

Most people go to school by car and others go by bus. Very few people walk to school because it is not close to the town centre.



- How long is your school day?**
- We start our school day at 9'00 and finish at 5'15 pm.**

**What types of things do you do on the weekends?
We usually practice some sport, watch TV, do our homework or go out with friends. When we go out we go shopping, go to the cinema, ...**

Describe what your favorite class is like.

My favorite classes are Math, History and English because we learn a lot of interesting things and we have fun at the same time.

What types of things do you study in math, science, social studies, and technology?

Now in Math we are studying algebra; in Science we're studying the cell; in History, Ancient Egypt and in Technology we are studying electricity.

- Do you have study halls?**

If we have to stay at school after 5'15pm or if we get earlier than 9'00am we can study in the Library.

- **What musicals are you performing in musical theatre?**
- **We are performing the musical “Grease”.**
- **What plays are you performing in drama?**
- **We don’t have drama classes.**

What sports does your school participate in with other schools?

Last year we participated in a sports contest called Esport divertit (Fun sport, in Valencian). Apart from that, we take part in football, basketball, gymnastics and swimming competitions.

What is a typical class like?

It depends on the subject. Sometimes the teacher explains things, we also watch documentaries, we do exercises, we make murals or power point presentations, ...



Lledo Photos



A day in my life ...

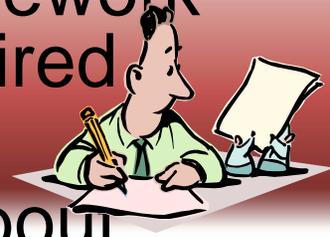


by one of the kids from the Vth grade
Mihail Koiciu School – Constanta, Romania

Here's how my day usually goes:



- Around 8 o'clock I get up (this is if I haven't stayed up too late – which I do about 3-4 times a week and of course during week-ends)...
- then I get my breakfast and do a little homework – not too much, 'cause I don't want to be tired when I go to school...
- as I live very close to my school, I need about half an hour to walk to school – I have to chat a bit with my friends, of course...





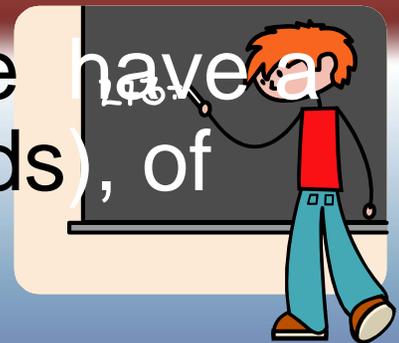
- Usually, we have 5 hours (classes) a day and we begin at 12.30, finish by 17.30 (or 18.30 when we have more school!)
- If the first hour we have physical education – that’s great ! It means it’s a good day, if we have math....uhhh....
- We have only two hours of P.E. per week, not even close to what we would like ... and four hours of math!!!



- Fortunately, we do have sport clubs !!!!! I love football – I mean soccer- it's kind of a national sport in Romania: everybody loves soccer !

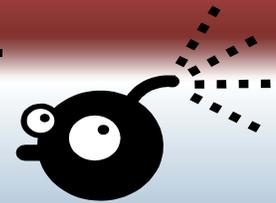
- We also study Romanian language and literature, foreign languages, chemistry, biology, physics, history, religion, arts, music and...I think I forgot something, but I can't remember what...

- After school, I go home – after we have a short soccer game (with my friends), of course.





- After I wash up and eat, I do a little homework – not too much, again, ‘cause I’m tired now.
- Finally I get to watch TV, but I usually prefer to stay by my computer and chat with my friends or play some games...
- after which I am so tired and sleepy that I must crawl to my bed and sleep until the next morning, when my alarm clock goes





And that's a normal day in my life !