



**Shuqun Primary**

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To : Fellow Shuqunites & Parents / Guardians

### **Shuqunites Stars: Connected Global Citizens, Knowledgeable Rooted Singaporeans**

MOE's desired outcome for every primary school student has recently been refined to:

- **a confident person** who has a strong sense of right and wrong, is adaptable and resilient, knows himself, is discerning in judgment, thinks independently and critically, and communicates effectively;
- **a self-directed learner** who takes responsibility for his own learning, who questions, reflects and perseveres in the pursuit of learning;
- **an active contributor** who is able to work effectively in teams, exercises initiative, takes calculated risks, is innovative and strives for excellence; and,
- **a concerned citizen** who is rooted to Singapore, has a strong civic consciousness, is informed, and takes an active role in bettering the lives of others around him.

These desired outcomes take into account that the world we are living in is no longer the same as 10 years ago. A decade from now, the world our Shuqunite Stars will be living in will be even more different than what we can imagine. As an example, Singapore's Orchard Road now looks very exciting with the numerous LCD billboards and world-class brands lining the iconic shopping malls. As a result of this change, Singaporeans can look forward to new careers in international merchandising and fashion design. Likewise the opening up of the new Marina Bayfront in the next 10 years will see new opportunities in International Finance (which means you need to know your Math) and global social enterprises (which means you need to know your languages).

Shuqun is preparing our students for this very exciting future in Singapore. In our daily instruction, we teach for **BASICS** (*Basic Academic Success for Independent Confident Shuqunites*) which form the foundation of every Shuqunite Star. We have begun to implement a system that will help us profile and analyse the basic learning of every child through regular assessments like CTs and SAs.

I would like to remind every Shuqunite that they must do their part in learning by making sure that they read at least one English Language and one Mother Tongue story book a week. These books must have enough content and must be appropriate for their ages (not comics or books with lots of pictures but books with many pages of texts). In class, they must **take good notes** while their teachers are teaching so that they can go through what their teachers have taught in class when they return home. They must plan their free time with a **Daily Study Schedule** so that they have the self-discipline to **spend 2 hours for homework** or self-study and **1 hour for reading** of story books. They must **memorise their multiplication tables** and practise **spelling at least 10 new words** a day.

All the grounding in BASICS is ingredient for "Knowledge" which is the central focus of the Desired Outcomes of Shuqunites Stars. As we practise in the daily discipline of acquiring basics, we will become self-directed and confident life-long learners. We can then contribute actively to the well-being of our community and live the life of a concerned citizen (reading the newspapers daily). When we serve and give of ourselves to the community actively, our sense of belonging to the community grows and we eventually become Rooted Singaporeans. This is the journey we want our students to take.

Let us work towards greater success for Shuqunites and Singapore.

Chief Shuqunite Gary Tsu