



*THE PURPOSE OF ICPS LIBRARY IS  
“TO CREATE A LIFETIME READER, THINKER AND DOER.”*

Scientific studies have revealed that through the use of technology, humans are rewiring their brains. The “gray matter of the brain” is diminished by as much as 20%, conversely, “white matter” is 20% increased. Gray matter controls concentration, thinking, learning, memory, decision making, emotional intelligence and quiet time. White matter controls speed, quick decision making and obsessive behavior.

There is definitely a place for technology; but the overuse of “tablets” and “smart phones” teaches us to rely on them rather than our brain to retrieve the information we need. Game devices are fun, but players are bombarded with ever changing mindless images that program them to respond instantly and repetitively. Players who sit for hours lost in a virtual world lose the capacity to sit still in the real one, to articulate, to socialize, to sympathize and even to read a book. Attention span in children has decreased as much as 40% as a type of digital dementia sets in.

No one is born wanting to read - it is an acquired skill that provides a lifetime of knowledge, success and enjoyment. Your child will be encouraged to read and learn to love reading by seeing you read “real” books at home. This becomes a pastime to share and whets their appetite for more delicious reading. At school, it is my pleasure to lure your daughters into the wonderful world of the written word so they become a generation of thinkers and doers.

Our 10, 000 books sit on the shelves, waiting patiently to share their wonderful secrets; to take each reader on a very personal adventure as imagination takes flight - prompted by the black marks on the white page.

I work closely with class teachers to support the curriculum and Reading Challenge. Each student’s educational experience is broadened and enriched through the interactive use of the Smart Board.

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