

# CITY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

LUCKNOW, INDIA



## BOOK LIST 2026-2027

Classes - Montessori to III



**\*ONLY FOR:** Asharfabad Campus

**TO CONTROL POLLUTION NO SYNTHETIC BOOK COVERS ARE ALLOWED**

**Note: Books and Stationery can be purchased from any bookseller**

### **STOCKISTS OF CMS PRESCRIBED BOOKS FOR CLASSES MONTESSORI TO III**

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| <p>1. <b>HERAMB BOOK DEPOT</b><br/>M.A. Market Shop No. B-1 Taal Katora Road,<br/>J.K. Marriage Hall Raja Jee Puram, Lucknow<br/>Ph.: 9935037439</p> | <p>3. <b>AGARWAL BOOK SELLERS &amp; STATIONERS</b><br/>245/65, Bhawana Singh Shiwala Road, Near<br/>Geeta Satsang Bhawan, Raja Bazar, Lucknow-3<br/>Ph.: 9839134266, 9140712808</p> |
| <p>2. <b>MAHALAXMI STATIONERS</b><br/>Gole Darwaja Gate, Chowk, Lucknow-3<br/>Ph.: 8090465541, 9415756988, 8090465541</p>                            | <p>4. <b>SHARMA BOOK DEPOT</b><br/>Chowk Sarrafa, Chowk Lucknow-3<br/>Ph.: 9450130791, 0522-2256489</p>   |

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# CMS Scaled New Heights in 2025

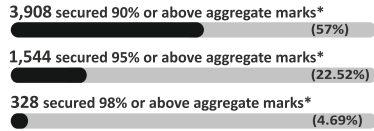


## BOARD EXAM RESULTS IN 2025



# 100%

All 6,856 CMS students who took the 2025 ICSE & ISC exams passed.



**74** secured 99% or above in ISC and ICSE Board Examinations (11.07%)



**819** secured 100% marks in one or more subjects in ISC & ICSE (11.95%)

## PROFESSIONAL SUCCESSES & AWARDS



CMS alumni selected for **All India Civil Services (IAS, IFS, IPS etc)** (in past 14 years) - **82** (5 IAS & 3 IPS in 2025)  
**Aditya Srivastava**, an alumnus of CMS Aliganj Campus I, secured AIR 1 in **Civil Services Examination**



CMS alumni selected for the **PCS and PCS-J** (in past 6 years) - **37**



CMS students who secured admission in Universities in the USA, The UK, Canada, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland etc. (in past 10 years) - **755**  
CMS students with scholarships to top foreign Universities in the USA, the UK, Canada, Germany, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland etc. (in past 10 years) - **472**



CMS students who qualified **IIT Advanced** (in past 13 years) - **1004**  
CMS students who qualified **NEET** (All India Medical Entrance Exam) (in past 13 years) - **893**



CMS students who qualified for the **Govt. of India's Inspire Scholarship for Higher Education in Science** @ Rs 80,000/- per year for 5 years i.e. Rs. 4 lakhs per student (in past 13 years) - **1197**



CMS students who qualified in the All India **CLAT Exam** (in past 12 years) - **350**  
**Aryan Verma**, from CMS Aliganj I, secured an **All India Rank (AIR) of 25** in the OBC category.



CMS students who qualified in **CUET (Common University Entrance Test) Exam** (in past 3 years) - **526**

Shivansh Srivastava, Arushi Singh, Gaurika Luthra & Sakinah Hasan) scored a **perfect 800/800** in the **CUET-UG 2025**.



**CMS Cambridge students** excelled in the 2025 assessments, securing a **100% pass rate** with **37 A\* & 44 A grades** in IGCSE (Gr. X), and **8 A\* & 11 A grades** in A & AS Levels (Gr. XI-XII).  
**Aditya Kumar Gupta** earned ICE Distinction for scoring **A\* in all seven subjects**.  
CMS Cambridge students with **perfect 50/50 scores (Checkpoint 2025)** - **27**  
CMS Cambridge students with '**Outstanding**' scores (Checkpoint 2025) - **85**

## NEW STRIDES

CMS Gomti Nagar Campus is the only **SAT, AP, and ATS test centre** in Uttar Pradesh.

**5 Cambridge Sections:** Affiliated with the University of Cambridge International Examinations Board, U.K. CMS Aliganj Campus I, CMS Gomti Nagar Campus I, CMS Gomti Nagar Extension Campus, CMS Golf City Campus & CMS Rajajipuram Campus I

**Shubhanshu Shukla** became the first Indian Astronaut aboard the International Space Station in June 2025.

A new building has been constructed at the 14-acre **CMS Golf City Campus**.

CMS Shallimar OneWorld Campus is now **CBSE affiliated**.

**CMS Jankipuram Campus**, the newest addition to the CMS family, is now open from **Montessori to Class 7**.

\* Marks obtained in English+best 3 subjects for ISC and English+best 4 subjects for ICSE

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## BOOKLIST — 2026 - 2027

### MONTESSORI

SUBJECT	NAME OF BOOK	PUBLISHER
1. Moral Teaching	Hidden Gems Early Childhood Character Building Student Book I (Revised New Edition) (₹ 70/-)	(Royale Publishers)
2. School Songs & Games	(i) Melodies in Rhymes (₹ 50/-) (ii) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-)	(Greenford) (Greenford)
3. English	(i) Sky High English Level 1 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 190/-) (ii) Sky High English Level 1 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 145/-) (iii) Sky High English Level 1 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 160/-) (iv) Sky High English Level 1 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 145/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)
4. Arithmetic	(i) Sky High Mathematics Level 1 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 220/-) (ii) Sky High Mathematics Level 1 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 145/-) (iii) Sky High Mathematics Level 1 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 160/-) (iv) Sky High Mathematics Level 1 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 145/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)
5. Art	Colour Me - 1 (₹ 170/-)	(F. K. Publications)

### STATIONERY

- My Daily Grow Diary
- My Daily Reading Log
- Pencils-1 Box (Faber Castle - 6 pencils)
- Erasers-1 (Non Dust)
- Sharpener-1
- Plain Big Bindi Packet-2 (1 Black, 1 Red)
- Fabric Paint-4 Bottles (Any Two Colours)
- Fun School Clay (Play Dough)-1 big box
- V.I.P Punch Sheet Plain- 2 Packets
- 12 Shades Plastic Crayons- 2 Packets
- Pastel sheet - 4 (red, green, light blue & yellow)
- Fevistick - 1 Big
- Fevicol -1 Big Tube
- Glitters Tubes - 2 (Any Colour)
- Fluorescent Paper- 6 (Any. Colour)
- Blue School Bag with Child's Name
- White Ivory Sheets-2
- Stars & Mirrors- 2 Packets (Small)
- Gold and Silver Sheets-2
- Ice Cream Sticks-25
- Slate - 1
- Slate Chalk - 1 Packet (White)
- Cotton Balls- 3 Packet (Small)
- Red and Green Buttons - 1 Packet each
- Coloured A4 Sheets - 1 Packet (Small)
- Glitter Sheets - 4 (Small, any colour)
- My clear Bag - 2
- Glitter Dust - 2 packet (any colour)
- Ream (White A4 Sheets) - 1 Packet

### Syllabus available online

- NOTE:** (i) All the stationery is to be deposited in school.  
(ii) All books are to be covered with brown paper and labelled.  
(iii) Please buy the latest edition of all the textbooks.

*Every Child Is A Star!  
Brilliant Stars, Shining Stars, Twinkling Stars, One and All!  
At CMS, we find reasons to celebrate each child.*

### NURSERY

SUBJECT	NAME OF BOOK	PUBLISHER
1. Moral Teaching	Hidden Gems Early Childhood Character Building Student Book II (Revised New Edition) (₹ 70/-)	(Royale Publishers)
2. School Songs & Games	(i) Melodies in Rhymes (₹ 50/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b> (ii) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b>	(Greenford) (Greenford)
3. English	(i) Sky High English Level 2 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 285/-) (ii) Sky High English Level 2 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 205/-) (iii) Sky High English Level 2 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 225/-) (iv) Sky High English Level 2 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 205/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)

- 4. Arithmetic**
- (i) Sky High Mathematics Level 2 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 355/-) (Sky High)
  - (ii) Sky High Mathematics Level 2 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 210/-) (Sky High)
  - (iii) Sky High Mathematics Level 2 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 240/-) (Sky High)
  - (iv) Sky High Mathematics Level 2 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 210/-) (Sky High)
- 5. Art** Art is Fun - A - Revised Edition (₹ 170/-) (Aman Publishing House)

### STATIONERY

- My Daily Grow Diary
- My Daily Reading Log
- Plain Drawing Copy-1
- Pastel sheets 4 (red, green, light blue & yellow)
- Pencils (Natraj)-1 Box of 10 Pencils
- Erasers-2 (Non Dust)
- Slate-1
- Slate Pencil - 1 box (Small)
- Crayons-2 Boxes (12 Shades)
- Glitter Tubes-2 (Any Colour)
- Fluorescent paper- 8 Sheets of Different Colours
- Ivory Sheets- 2 White + 1 Black
- Fevicol Tubes- 2 100 ml each
- Fevistick-1
- Punch Sheets (Plain) - 2 Packets
- Acrylic Colour- 1 Box (Pack of 6)
- Stars and Mirrors (Circle) - 2 Packets
- Paper Napkins- 1 Pack (Any Colour)
- Ice Cream Sticks-25
- Scrapbook-1 (Compulsory)
- Plain Big Bindi Packets-2 (1 Red, 1 Black)
- Gold and Silver Sheets - 2 each
- Cotton Balls - 1 Packet (Small)
- Wool 1 small ball (any colour)
- Glitter Sheets - 3 (Small, any colour)
- Coloured A4 Sheets - 1 Packet
- Ruler - 1 (Plastic Small)
- Rangeela Colour (Water) - 1 Packet
- My clear Bag 1
- Ream (White A4 Sheets) - 1 Packet

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  - (ii) All books are to be covered with brown paper and labelled.
  - (iii) Please buy the latest edition of all the textbooks.

## KINDERGARTEN

<i><b>SUBJECT</b></i>	<i><b>NAME OF BOOK</b></i>	<i><b>PUBLISHER</b></i>
<b>1. Moral Teaching</b>	Hidden Gems Early Childhood Character Building Student Book III (Revised New Edition) (₹ 70/-)	(Royale Publishers)
<b>2. School Songs &amp; Games</b>	(i) Melodies in Rhymes (₹ 50/-) (Only for New Admissions) (ii) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-) (Only for New Admissions)	(Greenford) (Greenford)
<b>3. English</b>	(i) Sky High English Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 270/-) (ii) Sky High English Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 190/-) (iii) Sky High English Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 220/-) (iv) Sky High English Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 190/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)
<b>4. Arithmetic</b>	(i) Sky High Mathematics Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 370/-) (ii) Sky High Mathematics Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 190/-) (iii) Sky High Mathematics Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 220/-) (iv) Sky High Mathematics Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 190/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)
<b>5. Hindi</b>	(i) Sky High Hindi Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 1 (₹ 260/-) (ii) Sky High Hindi Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 1 (₹ 180/-) (iii) Sky High Hindi Level 3 - A: iSpark Book - Phase 2 (₹ 200/-) (iv) Sky High Hindi Level 3 - B: iGlow Book - Phase 2 (₹ 180/-)	(Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High) (Sky High)
<b>6. EVS</b>	*Creative Science (Introductory) (₹ 350/-)	(F. K. Publications)
<b>7. Art</b>	Art is Fun - B (₹ 170/-)	(Aman Publishing House)

### STATIONERY

- My Daily Grow Diary
- My Daily Reading Log
- Oxford Atlas for Little Learners (Special Edition) (OUP)
- Oxford English Mini Dictionary (7th Edition) (OUP)
- Plain Drawing Copy-1
- Pencils (Natraj) - 1 Box of 10 pencil
- Erasers (Non Dust)-2
- Sharpener-1
- Punch Sheets (Plain)-2 Packs
- Fevicol Tubes -2 100gms each
- Sparkle Tubes-2 (1-Silver and 1-Golden)

- Pastel sheets 4 (red, green, light blue & yellow)
- Ivory Sheets-2 (White)
- Black Chart Papers-2
- Fluorescent papers- 4 (1 Green & 3 any Colour)
- Paper Napkins- 1 Packet (White)
- Ice Cream Sticks-25
- Gold and Silver Sheets-2 each
- Stars & Mirrors- 1 Packet
- Paper plates (silver) - 10
- Cotton balls - 1 Packet (small white only)
- Wool - 1 small ball (any colour)
- Glitter Sheets -4 (Small, any colour)
- Bindi - 2 packets (Red and Black)
- Coloured A4 Sheets - 1 packet
- My clear Bag - 1
- Ream (White A4 Sheets) - 1 Packet
- Crayons-1 Packet (15 Shades)
- Acrylic Colours: 1 Box (Pack of 6) + 2 (Any bright Colour)

**Syllabus available online**

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 (iii) Please buy the latest edition of all the textbooks.

**CLASS - I**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>NAME OF BOOK</b>	<b>PUBLISHER</b>
<b>1. Moral Science</b>	Moral Education Lessons Grade 1 - Revised edition 2026 (₹ 200/-)	(Royale Publishers)
<b>2. School Songs &amp; Games</b>	(i) Melodies in Rhymes (₹ 50/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b> (ii) School Songs (₹ 50/-) (iii) Prayer Assembly Guidelines and Food for Soul (₹ 20/-) (iv) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b>	(Greenford) (Greenford) (Greenford) (Greenford)
<b>3. English</b>	(i) Fitzroy Readers Stories 11-20 (ii) Fitzroy Word Skills 2 (Enlarge Edition) (iii) Poetry Anthology - 1 (iv) Guided Reading Program Short Read Plus Student Book 2 (₹ 299/-) (v) Start Writing Cursive - 1 (₹ 170/-)	} (₹ 550/-) (Saar Education) (Saar Education) (Saar Education) (Scholastic) (F K Publications)
<b>4. Maths</b>	*Jump Maths - 1 (Assessment and Practice Part 1 and 2) (₹ 895/-)	(Madhuban)
<b>5. Hindi</b>	(i) Kinjal - 1 Special Edition (₹ 360/-) (ii) Meri Nayi Sulekh Mala Part - I (₹ 125/-) (iii) *Aise The Hamare Poorvaj - 1 (₹ 280/-)	(Kiddleworld) (Newman) (Newman)
<b>6. Art</b>	New Let's Draw and Colour with Alphabet Part-I - Revised Edition (₹ 160/-)	(Newman)
<b>7. E.V.S.</b>	*Understanding Environment - I (₹ 450/-)	(Arya Book Depot)
<b>8. Computational Thinking &amp; ICT</b>	*Tekie.AI - Accelerate - Grade 1 (₹ 479/-)	(Uolo)

**STATIONERY**

- One My Daily Grow Diary
- One My Daily Reading Log
- Six exercise books - four lined (80 pages)
- Two exercise books - single lined (80 pages)
- Two exercise books - ¼ th square (80 pages) Pre-margined
- Two interleaf exercise books - four lined (80 pages)
- Two drawing books (one plain and one check) 40 pages
- One non toxic colour box of oil pastels
- One small box of coloured pencils
- Two pencils, eraser, scale, sharpener
- One pair of small scissors with rounded tips
- One tube of Fevicol
- Ten glitter sheets of different colours
- Ten sheets glazed paper of different colours

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(iii) Please buy the latest edition of all the textbooks.

**FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS ONLY**

- (i) Wren And Martin revised by N D V Prasad Rao (S Chand)  
(ii) Let's Talk & Learn - A Book of English Conversation-1 (Landmark Books)

**CLASS - II**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>NAME OF BOOK</b>	<b>PUBLISHER</b>
1. Moral Science	Moral Education Lessons Grade 2 - Revised edition 2026 (₹ 200/-)	(Royale Publishers)
2. School Songs & Games	(i) Melodies in Rhymes (₹ 50/-) (Only for New Admissions)	(Greenford)
	(ii) School Songs (₹ 50/-) (Only for New Admissions)	(Greenford)
	(iii) Prayer Assembly Guidelines and Food for Soul (₹ 20/-) (Only for New Admissions)	(Greenford)
	(iv) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-) (Only for New Admissions)	(Greenford)
3. English	(i) Fitzroy Readers Stories 21-30	(Saar Education)
	(ii) Fitzroy Word Skills 3 (Enlarge Edition) } (₹ 600/-)	(Saar Education)
	(iii) Poetry Anthology - 2	(Saar Education)
	(iv) Guided Reading Program Short Read Plus Student Book 3 (₹ 299/-)	(Scholastic)
	(v) Start Writing Cursive - 2 (₹ 170/-)	(F K Publications)
4. Maths	*Jump Maths - 2 (Assessment and Practice Part 1 and 2) (₹ 895/-)	(Madhuban)
5. Hindi	(i) Kinjal - 2 Special Edition (₹ 405/-)	(Kiddleworld)
	(ii) Meri Nayi Sulekh Mala Part - II (₹ 125/-)	(Newman)
	(iii) *Aise The Hamare Poorvaj - 2 (₹ 280/-)	(Newman)
6. Computational Thinking & ICT	*Tiekie.AI - Accelerate - Grade 2 (₹ 499/-)	(Uolo)
7. Art	New Let's Draw and Colour with Alphabet Part-II - (₹ 160/-)	(Newman)
8. E.V.S.	*Understanding Environment - II (₹ 460/-)	(Arya Book Depot)

**STATIONERY**

- One My Daily Grow Diary
- One My Daily Reading Log
- Four exercise books single lined for Hindi (80 pages)
- Six exercise books four lined (80 pages)
- Two exercise books - 1/4th square (80 pages)
- One drawing book (one plain) 40 pages
- One box of oil pastels
- Two pencils, eraser, scale and sharpener
- One pair of small scissors with rounded tips
- One tube of Fevicol
- Ten sheets of glazed paper (different colours)
- Ten glitter sheets of different colours
- Two 3 in 1 notebook (120 pages)

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(iii) Please buy the latest edition of all the textbooks.

**FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS ONLY**

- (i) Wren & Martin revised by N D V Prasad Rao (S Chand)  
(ii) Kate & Lay English Composition for Primary School Part - I (Macmillan)  
(iii) Let's Talk & Learn - A Book of English Conversation-2 (Landmark Books)

## CLASS III

<i>SUBJECT</i>	<i>NAME OF BOOK</i>	<i>PUBLISHER</i>
1. Moral Science	Moral Education Lessons Grade 3 - Rev. Ed. 2026 (₹ 200/-)	(Royale Publishers)
2. School Songs & Games	(i) School Songs (₹ 50/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b>	(Greenford)
	(ii) Prayer Assembly Guidelines and Food for Soul (₹ 20/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b>	(Greenford)
	(iii) Children's Cooperative Games (₹ 30/-) <b>(Only for New Admissions)</b>	(Greenford)
3. English	(i) *Burlington English Course Book Grade 3 (₹ 595/-)	(Burlington English)
	(ii) Burlington English Workbook - 3 (₹ 250/-)	(Burlington English)
	(iii) The House of Arden by E Nesbit (₹ 95/-)	(Burlington English)
	(iv) The Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde (₹ 95/-)	(Burlington English)
	(v) Start Writing Cursive - 3 (₹ 170/-)	(F K Publications)
4. Maths	*Jump Maths - 3 (Assessment and Practice Part 1 and 2) (₹ 895/-)	(Madhuban)
5. Hindi	(i) Kinjal - 3 Special Edition (₹ 435/-)	(Kiddleworld)
	(ii) Meri Nayi Sulekh Mala Part-III (₹ 125/-)	(Newman)
	(iii) *Aise The Hamare Poorvaj - 3 (₹ 280/-)	(Newman)
6. Science	*Let's Master Science - 3 (₹ 480/-)	(Arya Book Depot)
7. Social Studies	*Let's Master Social Studies - 3 New Combined Edition (₹ 480/-)	(Arya Book Depot)
8. Computational Thinking & ICT	*Tekie.AI - Accelerate - Grade 3 (₹ 529/-)	(Uolo)
9. Reasoning and Aptitude	Junior Thinkers 3 (₹ 299/-)	(Full Marks)
10. Project Based Learning	*PBL Field - 3 (₹ 630/-) No Discount	(RIT Learning Fields)
11. Art	New Let's draw and colour with Alphabet - 3 (₹ 160/-)	(Newman)

### **STATIONERY**

- One My Daily Grow Diary
- One box of colour pencils
- One My Daily Reading Log
- Two 3 in 1 notebook (120 pages)
- Eight exercise books - four lined (80 pages)

- Four exercise books - four lined interleaf (80 pages)
- Four exercise books - single lined for Hindi (80 pages)
- Two exercise books - square (60 pages)
- One drawing book - plain (40 pages)

### **For Practice Notebooks**

- One exercise book - square (60 pages)
- Two exercise book - single lined (60 pages)
- Two exercise book - four lined (60 pages)
- Three exercise book - four lined Interleaf (60 pages)

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### **FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS ONLY**

- (i) Fun With Grammar
- (Macmillan)
- (ii) Wren & Martin revised by N D V Prasad Rao
- (S Chand)
- (iii) Kate & Lay English Composition for Primary School - Part II
- (Macmillan)
- (iv) Let's Talk & Learn - A Book of English Conversation-3
- (Landmark Books)



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## **A Letter From Abraham Lincoln To His Son's Teacher**

My son starts school today. It is all going to be strange and new to him for a while and I wish you would treat him gently.

It is an adventure that might take him across continents. All adventures that probably include wars, tragedy and sorrow. To live this life will require faith, love and courage.

So dear Teacher, will you please take him by his hand and teach him things he will have to know, teaching him – but gently, if you can. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

He will have to know that all men are not just, that all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero, that for every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader.

Teach him if you can that 10 cents earned is of far more value than a dollar found. In school, teacher, it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to learn how to gracefully lose, and enjoy winning when he does win.

Teach him to be gentle with gentle people, tough with tough people. Steer him away from envy if you can and teach him the secret of quiet laughter.

Teach him if you can – how to laugh when he is sad, teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him there can be glory in failure and despair in success. Teach him to scoff at cynics.

Teach him if you can, the wonders of books, but also give him time to ponder the extreme mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hill.

Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one tells him they are wrong.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is doing it. Teach him to listen to every one, but teach him also to filter all that he hears on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his talents and brains to the highest bidder but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Let him have the courage to be impatient, let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him to have sublime faith in himself, because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind, in God.

# अब्राहम लिंकन का पत्र . . . अपने पुत्र के शिक्षक के नाम

प्रिय गुरुजी,

सभी व्यक्ति न्यायप्रिय नहीं होते, और न ही सब सच बोलते हैं। यह तो मेरा लड़का कभी न कभी सीख ही लेगा। पर उसे यह अवश्य सिखाएं, कि अगर दुनिया में बदमाश लोग होते हैं, तो अच्छे नेक इंसान भी होते हैं। अगर स्वार्थी राजनैतिज्ञ होते हैं, तो जनता के हित में काम करने वाले देशप्रेमी भी होते हैं। उसे यह भी सिखाएं, कि अगर दुश्मन होते हैं, तो दोस्त भी होते हैं। मुझे पता है कि इसमें समय लगेगा। परंतु हो सके तो उसे यह जरूर सिखाएं कि मेहनत से कमाया एक पैसा भी, हराम में मिली नोटों की गड्डी से कहीं अधिक मूल्यवान होता है।

उसे हारना सिखाएं, और जीत में खुश होना भी सिखाएं। हो सके तो उसे राग—द्वेष से दूर रखें और उसे अपनी मुसीबतों को हंसकर टालना सिखाएं। वह जल्दी ही यह सबक सीखे कि बदमाशों को आसानी से काबू में किया जा सकता है।

अगर संभव हो तो उसे किताबों की मनमोहक दुनिया में अवश्य ले जाएं। साथ—साथ उसे प्रकृति की सुंदरता—नीले आसमान में उड़ते आजाद पक्षी, सुनहरी धूप में गुनगुनाती मधुमक्खियां और पहाड़ के ढलानों पर खिलखिलाते जंगली फूलों की हंसी को भी निहारने दें। स्कूल में उसे सिखाएं कि नकल करके पास होने से तो फेल होना बेहतर है।

चाहे सभी लोग उसे गलत कहें, परंतु वह अपने विचारों में पक्का विश्वास रखे और उन पर अडिग रहे। वह भले लोगों के साथ नेक व्यवहार करे और बदमाशों को करारा सबक सिखाए।

जब सब लोग भेड़ों जैसे एक रास्ते पर चल रहे हों तो उसमें भीड़ से अलग अपना नया मार्ग प्रशस्त करने की हिम्मत हो।

उसे सिखाएं कि वह हर एक की बात को धैर्यपूर्वक सुने फिर उसे सत्य की कसौटी पर कसे और केवल अच्छाई को ही ग्रहण करे।

अगर हो सके तो उसे दुख में भी हंसने की सीख दें।

उसे समझाएं कि अगर रोना भी पड़े, तो उसमें कोई शर्म की बात नहीं है। वह आलोचकों को नज़रअंदाज करे और चाटुकारों से सावधान रहे। वह अपने शरीर की ताकत के बलबूते पर भरपूर कमाई करे, परंतु अपनी आत्मा और अपने ईमान को कभी न बेचे। उसमें शक्ति हो कि चिल्लाती भीड़ के सामने भी खड़ा होकर, अपने सत्य के लिए जूझता रहे। आप उसे तसल्ली से सिखाएं, परंतु बहुत लाड़—प्यार में उसे बिगाड़ें नहीं। उसे हमेशा ऐसी सीख दें कि मानव—जाति पर उसकी असीम श्रद्धा बनी रहे।

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देखें, इसमें से क्या करना संभव है।

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