O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name:
For You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. Isaiah 25:1
Studying: Stressful or Relaxing?
Timothy Daniel F. Uy, 6 - Hemingway

Studying is considered as stressful to some students. This makes them not like school and they just go to school because they have to, not because they want to. Some also get pressured in studying to the point that they don’t want to study anymore. Gadgets and other devices distract them from studying. Because of this, people become lazy, sometimes too lazy to study.

To some, studying is stressful because instead of seeing it as fun, they see it as tiring and horrible. This gives them the wrong mindset of studying and so they treat it as stressful. Sometimes, the influences of the people affect the way they think and see studying. There are also many distractions such as gadgets and games. Parents and teachers find ways to make studying enjoyable, but I think we, as students should be the one making the change. We should look at studying as fun and a chance to learn and we should treat it as our hobby. When we change our perspective about studying, it won’t seem hard for us anymore.

Academics vs. Values
Cate Jasmine G. Ong, 5 - Kepler

School always counts on your academic skill. It is either you are good at school or you are terrible in academics. Our deportment is also counted in school. What do you think is more important: your academic skill or how kind you are?

We agree that values are better. What is the point of studying if you are not disciplined? You talk with your classmates while the teacher is talking. Maybe you cheat in tests so it ends up that you don’t learn anything. If you are not well-behaved, maybe you stand up and distract your classmates from learning and the teacher gets distracted, too. See? There’s no logic if your grades are good but you don’t have basic values.

School needs to be a balance between academics and values. Without discipline and godly values, one won’t go very far.

Old-Fashioned Books vs. Newfangled Gadgets
Gabe Thomas A. Tan, 6 - Hemingway

Have you heard of a two-year-old who would sit still day by day for around half an hour listening to her mom read "The Frog and Toad," or "The Magic School Bus?" That super attentive boy was I. Mom did not only read the texts but she also provided lots of information to my inquisitive mind. We built such a strong connection during our read-along. Such was the beginning of my love for books. By now, I hardly spend time with my mom reading anymore, but you’d probably have to wrestle with me before I surrender any book that I’m reading to anyone.

I’m left with my Ipad for entertainment and research. I lose track of my surroundings when I’m hypnotized into the world of Clash Royale. I may have started a slouching posture with all that sitting in front of my computer. My eyesight may have gone from bad to worse with the constant glow of artificial light from the monitor. Although technology may support my learning, I still prefer the good old-fashioned book. That way, I won’t be in constant battle with my conscience whether to do Math or use the limited elixir to attack my opponents in a computer game.
"Riiinggg!" The siren wailed with such abrupt intensity that everyone jumped for cover. We scrambled under our tables, holding on to jugs and emergency bags. Teachers sprinted about outside, gripping video cameras and barking orders.

Preparing for a long wait, we shifted into comfortable positions and synchronized a few watches...

"Krang, krang, krang!" The alarm bell screamed even more urgently. My classmates started fleeing out the door. They scurried amidst the crowd of teachers and students. 10:30 A.M. flashed at my Casio watch. After two minutes of huffing and puffing, we all made it to the blue basketball court.

The whole of Jubilee Christian Academy and Metro Manila simulated a magnitude 7 earthquake last July 30, 2015. Now, we can be assured that our emergency preparedness skills will kick in should an earthquake hit Manila. This earthquake drill has reminded us what to do when and if there is an earthquake.
One day, in English class, my teacher was talking about Story Elements. It was so hard to understand. Worst of all, I was getting sleepy...

I woke up at the bottom of a mountain. I looked at my watch and it was 11:30 AM. I need to get home for lunch. I looked at a sign that said: Home. My home is a mountain away. I started at the beginning of the mountain. Funny. When my teacher used the pyramidal plot, she put at the bottom of the mountain: the beginning. I started climbing up the mountain. As I progressed, I nearly slipped and fell. Whoa! The action is rising here. Something still reminds me of the pyramidal plot. I then reached the top of the mountain. I was so excited because I was nearly home. I could see it from here. I looked down the side I was about to go down to. It looked soft enough to slide down, but it could be harder than it seemed. I looked if there were any sharp objects. None. I decided to take the risk. Whee! As I slid down the mountain, I thought of the pyramidal plot again. I don’t know why. I finally ended my journey as I reached the bottom of the mountain.

I woke from my dream. My teacher then said we would have a graded drill. I was scared. Surprisingly, after checking, I got a perfect score! I then realized that my dream held all the answers. The story starts at the beginning, then deepens and the action starts to rise. In the middle of the story, the excitement is at its fullest. Going down the mountain signified the problem in the story being solved. Then reaching the other side of the mountain is the end of the story. My dream saved me! Hooray!

English is good to learn
Having difficulty is no concern
Because all that matters is you enjoy
And you will have fun and joy.

by Abigail Elise C. Tan, 5 - Kepler

English is awesome
So fun and interesting
That’s why I’m happy

by Shanixia Margarette V. Uy, 5 - Euclid

The Trio
Sadie Ann G. Ocampo, 6 – Milton

Back when we were in Grade 5, there was a new student named Lynelle. I wanted to welcome her and make sure that she felt comfortable here in JCA. We became not just good friends, but best friends! My other best friend, Bernyce, got jealous of my friendship with Lynelle. So, I told Lynelle that Bernyce is jealous. We both decided that Lynelle and Bernyce should spend more time with each other.

One day, I went to our classroom from the canteen alone because Lynelle and Bernyce were together. When I finally got to the classroom, Bernyce was laughing like crazy and so was Lynelle. I asked Bernyce why she was laughing and she said that Lynelle was so funny and kind. I suddenly felt a pang of jealousy. Has Bernyce found a new best friend? I decided to spend more time with Bernyce. Once Bernyce and I were so close, Lynelle started feeling jealous. Would this jealousy ever end?

We then chose to stay together, not as a pair, but as a trio. The three of us became the best of friends from then on.
**Kayang-Kaya Basta’t Kasama Siya**  
Kyle Chauncey P. Chiu, 6-Milton


Tunay Na Pagkakaibigan

Viencis P. Dy, 6 – Hemingway

Ang tunay na pagkakaibigan ay hindi base sa yaman  
Hindi sa pagbibigay ng regalo, hindi sa katalinuhan.  
Pero ugali ang dapat maging basehan  
Ng pagkakaroon ng kaibigan.

Ang tunay na pagkakaibigan ay para tulungan ka,  
Nandiyan para magturo kung ikaw ay nagtataka.  
Di dapat abusuhin, di dapat ikahiya  
Dapat itong alagaan nang damang-dama.

Ang tunay na pagkakaibigan ay hindi base sa yaman  
Hindi sa pagbibigay ng regalo, hindi sa katalinuhan.  
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Ng pagkakaroon ng kaibigan.


Tunay Na Pagkakaibigan

Viencis P. Dy, 6 – Hemingway

Ang tunay na pagkakaibigan ay kamangha-mangha  
Nagpapatawaran ka kahit gaano kalaki ang sala.  
Kahit anong mangyari, nagtututulungan.  
Lyan ang tunay na pagkakaibigan.

Hindi kailangan ng maraming pera,  
Ni hindi ng kahit anong pruweba.  
Kahit malayo man sila,  
Nasa puso ko pa rin ang aming mga ala-ala.

Kapag nagkakamali ay nagtututuran,  
Upang paglaki namin ay may mapupuntahan  
Kahit nag-aaway ay nagkakabati din kami  
At ang magagandang ala-ala ay dumadami

O, kaysarap magkaron ng tunay na kaibigan  
At dito din napapakita ang tunay na pagmamahalan  
Ang tunay na kaibigan ay di kailangan  
Basta nadarama mo, araw at gabi.
Starting to Love Math
Bernyce Christiana C. Dy, 6-Milton

When I started in grade 6, I already had my mind set that I don’t like Math. Why have I never liked Math? It is because I find it hard and I was never good at it. I would always get a careless mistake when I answer tests or problems. So, I already knew Math would be a harder subject this year, and I thought that I would hate it more.

I didn’t expect that I would have a change of heart. After a few quarters, I found out that Math was actually easy. My teacher, Mrs. Pekitpekit, helped me in liking Math. She taught us patiently and made sure that we understood the lessons. She gave me positive feedbacks and complimented me for my high grades. She also gave me a study buddy to teach. I was praised and appreciated because my study buddy’s performance improved during that time. Because of these, I started liking Math.

Now, I look forward to taking the next step in Math. This is to try the MTAP qualifying test next year. I’m excited for the first time to study Math. I may not know what the future has for me, but for sure, Math will be a big part of my future!

Math’s Cool
Francine Ang, Kyle Gan, Andrew So
5-Napier

Math is super-duper cool,
We are happy to have it taught in school.
Even with the calculations it brings.
We get to learn many things.

You can see Math everywhere,
From paying your bills to money we can share.
We can see it in everyday life,
Like fractions, cutting pizza with a knife.

If you’re not a Math wizard,
Solving Math problems is as difficult as crossing a blizzard.
Studying can really help you
In everything that you do.
Our Universe
Anika Raine G. Ng, 6-Hemingway

Mr. Universe, how big are you,
I seriously have no clue.
There are eight planets in the Milky Way
Is that the only galaxy? No way!

Stars, asteroids, comets,
And many planets,
Are those the only ones out there?
Or are there others somewhere?

Mercury, the smallest,
Venus, the hottest,
Earth, life is not dead,
Mars, the color red.

Jupiter, with the big red dot,
Saturn, how many rings can you spot?
Uranus, is it hot?
No! Certainly not!
Neptune, the last,
It does not orbit fast.
I still have more things to learn,
About planets like Saturn!

Science
Science is very fun
It helps us a ton
Some people think it’s boring
So they go out and run
by Rianne Maxine Liao, 5-Kepler

Animals
Endangered, Scary
Sleeping, Walking, Flying
Interesting stuff to learn
Science
by Justyn Hugh C. So, 4 - Kalayaan

Science
Science is interesting,
So it is not time for resting.
We learn new things with that subject,
And we also do some projects.
by Shawn Zedric T. Reaport, 6-Hemingway

My Science Adventure
Ryan Kevin T. Cheng, 6 - Hemingway

One day, my friends invited me to go watch a movie with them. While walking towards the meeting place, I stumbled across an extraordinary wall. I went near it then it sucked me in.

While being sucked in, I saw a lot of great scientists. When I finally reached the other end of the wall, I saw a man named Atom holding a sign stating “Answer 3 scientific question then you may enter.” I answered the questions then he allowed me to go in.

I saw a lot of futuristic things. I even saw Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein, and many more great scientists. They told me about their discoveries.

After two weeks of staying there, I missed my family and friends. I asked my friend, Atom, how to get back to my world and he said “you have to talk to the king if you want to leave.” I went to meet the king and discussed my problem with him and he said “I’ll let you out of this world but we have to set a portal.”

After a day of setting up the portal, everyone in that world left me with a gift: the book of human knowledge. I was so happy that I was left with no words. We said our farewells and then I left. When I came back home I saw everyone’s worried faces, but then when I told them my story, they were impressed.
Music
Bernyce Christiana C. Dy, 6 – Milton

Singing under the sun
Music is always fun
Learning new notes
Like catching fishes on boats

Intramurals 2016
Shawn Zedic T. Reaport, 6 - Hemingway

This year, we celebrated our intramurals last January 8, 2016. There were a lot of activities and games. Sports such as basketball, volleyball, and badminton are included in the intramurals.

Grades 1-6 for the first time, celebrated the opening program all together. In the past years, it was celebrated in two groups, grades 1-3 and grades 4-6.

This year, the opening program was started by a parade of athletes with their muses, escorts, and mascots bearing each class' banner. After the opening prayer and oath of sportsmanship, the muse and escort of each class, together with their mascot promenaded around the quadrangle for everyone to see. The yell and cheer dance competition followed.

Everyone was in awe at each of the presentations. After the announcement of winners, the volleyball and basketball games started at once.
I was elated as the bus whisked us off to the Ayala Museum. I had visited it before, and it’s time to revisit the beautiful potteries and the golden artifacts. As I stepped inside, I marveled at the polished look and the solemn atmosphere that pervaded the room. Our tour guide explained about six museum rules. She showed us a short clip about Philippine history. After the orientation, she allowed us to explore the rest of the place in groups. On the first floor, we marveled at colorful paintings and abstract art. My group trooped to the second floor, which was brimming with more than 40 dioramas of important events in our history. The third floor offered more dazzling artworks. The real highlight of the trip was when we got a first glimpse of the gold on the fourth floor. There were literally tons of golden artifacts. Some were worn as bracelets, necklaces and even belts! There were also dozens of fragile antique Chinese vases and ancient pottery. By watching a portion of the videos and reading the texts, we managed to glean some precious information about our cultural heritage.

Overall, we managed to learn a lot about the Philippine history and ancient artifacts, which complement what we learned from Mr. Arre’s Araling Panlipunan. This trip piqued our interest to learn more about the rich history and traditions of our ancestors. If you want to learn more of our history, the Ayala Museum is the place to go.

Wushu

Zachary Ryan L. Gan, 5 – Euclid

Wushu is both an exhibition and a full-contact sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts. It is fun from the start because you make new friends, you get to exercise, and you have good coaches to guide you through the sessions. You have to go through the different levels. The first level is easy, but you have to memorize stuff and get used to them. The second level is a bit harder. After that is the third level, which I am currently in. It is a bit hard, but if you want to master it, you have to train more. It also has longer training time. Also, by third level, you have to train with weapons. Aside from this, you can go to tournaments with higher-leveled classmates. The fourth level is for the highest students and the last is for the coaches. By these levels, you will learn many more things and more weapons.

*Zachary Gan was awarded as the Champion in the Group Male M4 Broadsword Play in the 14th Hongkong Wushu International Championship in March 2016*
基立学院是一间菲华的学校。二月十八日，本校将在 Dona Hemady 校区举行一场比较有特色的春节活动。其目标为让师生们更了解中国佳节的习俗，中国的文化传统。

当天学生们集合在大操场上。有家长会负责这活动的项目，准备了很多好香好吃的中国式食物，如糕点，烧卖，肉卷，冷茶等饮料，还有准备下象棋，毛笔书法，设计中国艺球等游戏。最后是一场舞狮表演，每位学生都热烈地大声鼓掌，脸上挂着笑容的面貌，形成了一场极热闹的场面。

今年庆祝的春节活动，无形中迈向了学生们对中国文化的兴趣和理解。这次的春节活动使学生们收获了不少。
An Unforgettable Study Tour in Bataan
Abigail Elise C. Tan, 5-Kepler

My experience during the Bataan Study Tour was awesome! It was a two-day tour held last February 25-26. I got to spend time with my friends and learn new things. We had games, activities, a tour around Las Casas, and so much more. We slept in a hotel in Las Casas and had fun.

I had to wake up early because I needed to get to school at about 6:00am. It took us about three hours on the bus to get to Bataan. We ate some snacks, played talked, and napped to pass the time.

Our first stop was Mt. Samat. We listened to someone talking about the history of Bataan. After that, we saw the weapons used back then.

We went to the hotel to drop off our stuff and rested. We had lunch after that. The food was delicious. After lunch, we took the tour around Las Casas. During the tour, we saw Spanish houses. The tour guide explained the history behind the houses. We had time to buy souvenirs and play some games.

In the hotel room, I was with Rianne, Cate, and Phoenix. We were with my mom, Mrs. Eleanor “Elen” Tan, who was the parent volunteer. I played some iPad with my friends, took a bath, got ready, and met up with the others downstairs. Dinner was amazing. I saw one of my friends, Elisha, and decided to sit with him and his friends. We played some Pokemon Trading Cards. Of course, we didn’t forget to eat the food. I liked the food. After dinner, we sat by the beach and had a bonfire. We ate marshmallows and enjoyed. We headed to the hotel to get some sleep for the next day.

Before my friends and I slept, we played for a while. The funny thing is, once we tried to sleep, we can’t! We were still awake and noisy; well except for Cate. She was so annoyed and sleepy to the point she got her neck pillow and used it as ear muffs. It was a funny night indeed.

The next day, we woke up very early so we had time to play and get ready. Our breakfast was a buffet. All the food there were yummy. I ate tocino with some egg and drank orange juice. After breakfast, we drove over to the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant.

The power plant was shut down but we were allowed to have a tour around it. We learned what was inside. We got to see the inside of the building and saw all the machines. It was a cool experience being inside the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, but I didn’t know the next activity would be even better.

The next place we went to was the Pawikan Conservation Center. This was my favorite part of the study tour because we got to release Pawikan! The Pawikan there were so cute and small. Each student had one Pawikan. We went to the beach to release the cute little buddies. Before we released them, we had a chance to name them. I named mine Crush after the sea turtle in the movie “Finding Nemo.” I released Crush off to the sea. It was very fun to see all those Pawikan run to the sea. A very sad fact about releasing Pawikan though is only 1/100 Pawikan could survive when you release them.

The Study Tour was almost over but we still had one more lunch before we headed back to JCA. I sat with my friends and talked about the Study Tour and what was their favorite part of it. We ate our lunch happily knowing that this was an amazing experience for all of us. After our last lunch, we sat on the bus and headed back to JCA. We all went home with a smile. Although it might be over, but there is always a next time. I enjoyed the two days with my friends and I learned a lot about Bataan. Hopefully in the future, I will be joining more study tours in school.

Did You Know?

1. …Simon, a devout man who declared Jesus as the Messiah soon after he was born, told Mary she would suffer along with her son.
2. … Matthew, also known as Levi, was a publican?” As Jesus walked along, he saw Levi, son of Alpheus, sitting at the tax collectors booth. “Follow me” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.
3. …“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” is what Jesus called the second commandment. This applies to everyone, including our enemies, since they are also neighbors, regardless of where they live. This teaching means we are not to put our interests above those of others.

Source: Fun Bible Trivia for Kids
12 Best Works, Achievements, Memories Galore