

## **G4 TAL and Culture Studies**

Thai as an Additional Language (TAL) is for those students who are non-Thai Nationals. It approaches language learning and culture from a basic formative stage, differentiated for the learning needs of the students and their level of language acquisition. Both of these Thai language courses are designed to meet the needs of the students in our school. The courses focus on effective communications, oral, written, and visual (viewing and presenting). By learning about the Thai language, and learning through conversation, the program nurtures an appreciation of the richness of the Thai language; as well as an ability to use language as a tool to express ideas, thoughts, and feelings. It encourages a desire to learn, a love a literature and Thai culture, and pride of Thai heritage. It also focuses on a communicative approach to helping students become more fluent and effective communicators who are expanding their awareness and understanding of Thai culture in cross-cultural situations. The Thai program also explores Thai culture and history including geography, the arts, customs, and governing systems.

**Routine Communication for TAL (KG-G5):** Students will get a communication folder on Monday and should return it by Thursday once every two weeks. It provides an opportunity for the parents to know the progress of their children.

If you need to communicate or more information regarding TAL program, please kindly contact Kru Tik: [ratchaneewan.bi@kis.ac.th](mailto:ratchaneewan.bi@kis.ac.th) and Kru Pan: [disyapa.si@edu.kis.ac.th](mailto:disyapa.si@edu.kis.ac.th)

## **TAL General Goals (Beginner Level)**

- To develop listening and speaking skills
- To provide an environment that promotes reading and writing readiness
- To provide a child centered environment
- To respect a child's individual language needs and development
- To value language arts as a tool for expression communication and learning
- To value non formal teaching situations as an integral and equally important part of language and
- social learning
- To value the interconnections between all language areas
- To recognize the importance of Thai holidays
- To learn some traditional folk plays
- To demonstrate good manner towards adults and general Thai etiquette
- To understand and to have an awareness of Thai cultural values

## **TAL General Goals (Intermediate Level)**

- To help students to become thoughtful, independent and confident readers who choose to read and enjoy reading
- To build a solid base of phonetics plus an ability to decode words
- To foster parent and family involvement in reading success
- To provide students with the experiences to view writing as a means of clear and effective communication
- To make connections between the questions asked and the concepts that should be driving the inquiry

- To become aware of the relevance that taught concepts have on their learning
- To recognize the importance of Thai holidays
- To learn some traditional folk plays
- To demonstrate good manner towards adults and general Thai etiquette
- To understand and to have an awareness of Thai cultural value

### **TAL General Goals (Advance Level)**

- To continue to develop children's critical thinking skills
- To encourage continued enthusiasm about reading
- To encourage improvement in writing skills as a means of self-expression and as a means of communication
- To provide many opportunities for oral discussion
- To encourage best presentation efforts
- To foster the realization of connections between subjects
- To bring historical, geographical and current events information into the classroom
- To recognize the importance of Thai holidays.
- To learn some traditional folk plays.
- To demonstrate good manner towards adults and general Thai etiquette.
- To understand and to have an awareness of Thai cultural value.