

100 day reading challenge

SCHOOL INITIATES 100-DAY READING CHALLENGE

Reading is an exercise for the mind. It helps kids calm down and relax; opens doors of new knowledge to enlighten their minds. From developing cognitive skills, building vocabulary, improving focus and concentration of young minds, reading is a skill which raises empathetic and confident leaders. **Shivalik Public School, Mohali**, initiated the 'Drop Everything and Read' - 100-day reading challenge, which included fun activities spread over a period of 14 weeks. The idea behind the challenge was to inculcate reading habit among the students through various activities. Not only the students, but their friends, family and grandparents also participated in the challenge. Love for reading thrived and echoed in every corner of the school.

Week one was dedicated to library visit. The students visited the school library and shared their views on their favourite books and their recommendations with each other. Book talks and discussions were an important part of the visit.

During week two, in order to de-



velop the analytical and creative skills in the students a fun activity of reading the story- 'The three diamonds' and then creating own story based on similar theme was organised for the students giving them the confidence of creating something unique out of their own imagination. Students came up with amazing stories and characters.

Poetry is the extraordinary perception of the ordinary. It is certainly the most creative form of art. The students were encouraged to read poetry of their choice to their friends and family and share their videos, during the third week. Students were encouraged to read their favourite stories to their friends and siblings. This activity helped them and their families to bond over books and spend time with each other as well.

During week five, the students read a story by Ruskin Bond together in the class and a group discussion of all the characters was organised. The students enacted as the characters from the story and organised a panel discussion where the whole class posed questions as reporters.