September 1st, 2018

Dear Parents/Students,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation. Welcome to our **fifth grade** class at Manor House American School. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for your children.

I am **Amel Hamam- Math and Science teacher.** Teaching since 1996, has given me the pleasure of watching generations progressing and leading their lives. Born and raised in the States has helped me a lot, not only in knowing the system but actually being part of it. Being part of the Manor House American School family for 11 years now, has made me enjoy teaching more every year. I have attended workshops and training courses on new ways of teaching and child development from CITA and Advance Ed that has taught me that “Teaching” is principles, building up character and how to deal with life.

Math might be a subject in school, but it is also a life experience outside of school, sharing in buying, making decisions and planning with the family. Science means “Creativity” which brings up tomorrow’s scientist. I believe that being involved in doing experiments and exploring brings up the imagination in each student; we could have great scientists this year!!

I am **Hend Yuwakeem- English and Social Studies teacher.** I graduated from the Faculty of Education, English department, Assiut University and later got my diploma in Teaching English for speakers of other languages (TESOL) from London teacher training college. I also had the privilege of studying in the American university in Cairo; studying fundamentals of English language teaching. Being a certified teacher gave me the opportunity to be an instructor of English in AUC. I have been working as an English teacher for 15 years; teaching different grades. Fortunately, I started working in Manor House American School 10 2014.

One of the best quotes for Lawrence Clark, a great author, is **"Write to be understood, speak to be heard, read to grow**". This year we will be working together to encourage your kids to keep reading and to enable them to express themselves through writing and creative presentations.

We believe that every student is unique and has different interests and learning styles. We want to ensure that our classroom is a safe environment where students are encouraged to share, learn from one another, and learn from us- just as we will learn from them.

All of us know that Parents want what is best for their child, and [teachers](http://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/teacher-resources) want what is best for their students. That's why parent/teacher collaboration is so important. By [working together](http://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=working+together), parents and teachers can provide the best learning environment, both at home and at school, for students. So, please don't hesitate to contact us whenever is needed via planner or e-mail: [*amelhammam@hotmail.com*](file:///F:\amelhammam@hotmail.com)and [*hendyuwakeem @gmail.com*](mailto:hend.ywakeem@yahoo.com).

Best Regards,

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