

## THE KEYS TO LIFELONG LEARNING: LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS

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Literacy and numeracy are the main components of our daily life. From reading street signs and calculating change to writing one's name and understanding important documents, these skills are essential for navigating the world. They are not just academic subjects, but vital tools that enable individuals to communicate, think critically, and solve problems. By possessing strong literacy and numeracy skills, individuals can participate fully in society, make informed decisions, and achieve their goals.

Being literate is a powerful tool that can safeguard individuals from various risks and uncertainties. When one can read and write, they are equipped with the ability to navigate their surroundings with confidence. They can understand signs and notices, making informed decisions about their daily lives. Moreover, literacy empowers individuals to protect themselves from deception and manipulation, as they can critically evaluate the information they encounter.

For children, acquiring literacy skills is particularly crucial. It opens doors to a wide range of opportunities and enables them to communicate effectively with others. From filling out forms to making purchases and calculating change, literacy skills are essential in various everyday situations. Learning to read and write, learners can acquire a self-determination, self-reliance, and self-assurance that will help them during their existence. Foremost, literacy is an essential life skill that can change lives and embrace new chances in life.

The curriculum for Grades 1-3 has been streamlined from 7 subjects to 5, enabling a more concentrated emphasis on reading, mathematics, and character development, including values and behavior essential for young learners. According to our vice president and former Dep-Ed Secretary, the revision of K to 12 curricula will have a major impact on our learners becoming productive and good citizens. They will be shaped to become well-responsible individuals with a positive outlook on life who can keep up with the new generation. In my opinion, this is true because a child's ability to read and write and not just learning these skills but also applying them to think critically, will make them better people and can easily adapt to the rapid changes in our society.

Remember: Reading and writing are the dual foundations of communication, fostering a lifelong journey of self-learning, self-expression, and meaningful connection.

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