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Dear Teachers,

Congratulations on choosing the noble profession of teaching and embracing the role of nation builders!

Teaching is a lifelong journey of growth — where we learn and evolve every day alongside our students. As educators, our mission goes far beyond imparting literacy; we nurture wisdom, shape character, and build essential life skills.

We are truly fortunate to have been chosen for this sacred responsibility, especially as Pre-Primary and Primary teachers — the ones who lay the foundation of a child's learning. The rest of the teachers who follow further carve, polish, and refine them. Together, we help create confident, capable, and compassionate individuals who will shape the future.

I encourage each one of you to walk the path of becoming a true **GURU** — one who embodies dedication, devotion, curiosity, and an unending hunger to learn. **A GURU faces challenges with courage, seeks solutions with creativity, and inspires others through passion.** Imagine the kind of students such teachers will produce — strong, wise, and kind-hearted individuals ready to take on the world.

Let us all strive to make our classrooms vibrant, joyful, and engaging spaces that students love to attend. **Observe and understand the root causes behind a child's disinterest or absenteeism.**

Approach them with empathy and patience. In my conversations with students who struggle academically, many have expressed that they hesitate to ask questions because they fear being scolded or judged. This often leads to irregular attendance, reliance on tuitions, and eventually, disconnection from school life.

To change this, we must cultivate **patience, flexibility, and empathy.** If one strategy doesn't work, try another. Collaborate with parents — communicate respectfully, share your insights, and assure them that you're working for their child's best interest. A strong partnership between teacher, student, and parent can truly transform a learner's journey.

Always remember — **a student's failure is not just their failure; it reflects on us too.** Let's take that as motivation to give our very best. With the shift towards **competency-based assessments** and **higher-order thinking**, our students need consistent engagement and regular attendance. This will only be possible through our innovative teaching methods and the warm, inclusive learning environments we create.

So, let's pull up our socks, gear up with creativity and passion, and prove that we are not just teachers — **we are GURUs who never give up!**

Wishing you all a fulfilling, joyful, and innovative teaching journey!

Best Regards,

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