



Our Mission

Providing a balanced and innovative international education that enables students to achieve their individual potential while preparing them to be successful citizens who make positive contributions to society and the world.



Today's Content:

- Head of School Notes
- Design Week
- Scholastic Books are stuck in Dar

Head of School Notes

Dear Student and Parents,

Lev Vygotsky (1896-1934), a Russian psychologist, is another key figure in the development of modern education. Vygotsky's main work was on developmental psychology. The majority of his work involved the study of infant and child behavior, as well as the development of language acquisition and the development of concepts, or schemas. The main assertion of the Vygotsky theory is that the cognitive development of children is advanced through social interaction with other people, particularly those who are more skilled. In other words, Vygotsky believed that social learning comes before cognitive development, and that children construct knowledge actively.

Vygotsky is most recognized for his concept of **Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)** pertaining to the learning process of children. According to the Vygotsky theory, children who are in the zone of proximal development for a particular task can almost perform the task independently, but not quite there yet. They need some help in order to perform the task successfully. This is a crucial step in deep learning and independence.

The concept of Zone of Proximal Development underscores Vygotsky's conviction that social influences, particularly getting instructions from someone, are of immense importance on the cognitive development of children. As children are given instructions or shown how to perform certain tasks, they organize the new information received in their existing mental schemas. They use this information as guides on how to perform these tasks and eventually learn to perform them independently.

In other words, for children to learn best, we need them to be in the ZPD. At ISZ, our curricula and staff are keenly aware of this concept, and we try hard to reach each child and help him/her to reach the ZPD. We don't just ask "Are you ready to learn?" rather we ask "**How** ready are you to learn?" At ISZ we also encourage learning across age groups, and we are blessed by our small size and strong community to make this happen on a daily basis.

I wish everyone a great day.

Dr. James W. Pilton

Vygotsky's Sociocultural Theory of Cognitive Development



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Daily Design Week Activity with Mr. Anthony & Mrs. Melissa

Minions !!!!!

It seems that almost all of us can't resist "Minions" and the smiles they bring to people's faces.

Today's fun design idea is something all of us can do from home.

All you need is:

- a toilet roll or paper towel roll
- Some paint, coloured marks/pencils or some colour paper
- A few bottle tops (depending on what design you use to make your minions)
- Some glue

They can be made as pencil holders too.

If you'd like to, you can look at this website to see how they chose to make their minions!

<https://www.craftymorning.com/despicable-me-minion-toilet-paper-roll-craft/>

Don't forget to send us the pictures of your designed minions to info@isz.co.tz. Have fun!



Family Feature: My Study Space

We continue to invite students and parents to share with us the study space you created. Send us a picture and a caption to info@isz.co.tz or share it with your homeroom teacher.

Thank you for sharing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- OFFICE HOURS FROM 9AM TO 3PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- AGM on May 28 at 4pm, Virtual Meeting

Nurture, Empower, Lead