

Imara Academy



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Digital Learning Program

Dear Friends,

What is the Digital Learning Program

This is a new initiative at Imara School to build a reading culture through digital devices. Children at Imara School, and by extension, the greater Mwala region (pop.90,000) have no access to a library and books.



Imara
Kids



Technology



Books

The use of digital tools have been proven to improve students' fundamental skills in reading and math especially in undersourced rural settings like Mwala.

Through the Digital Learning Program children at Imara School will improve:

1. Reading fluency
2. Reading comprehension
3. Math abilities

These are essential skills that will greatly improve their reading culture. The kids will be assessed regularly to chart progress throughout a child's stay at Imara.

Technology

The Tablets made by BRCK come in a what's called a KioKit. Each kit consists of 40 tablets and 40 kid friendly earphones in a rugged case which is secure and easy to move. The device can run for 8 hrs running online and offline content. Since the tablets are locally designed they come preloaded with relevant curriculum to supplement class teaching and academic content to challenge young minds. These include global content like access to Khan Academy and Wikipedia for Schools plus local content like Eneza which features sample quizzes in English and Swahili.

The Tablet also comes with games that help engage and encourage learning, critical thinking and teamwork. These include **Mr Nussbaum Games** which are fun learning games for kids.

Through **Project Gutenberg** the Tablets come with an entire library of hundred of books including authors and titles such as Sherlock Holmes, Edgar Allan Poe among others. Since Mwala, with a population of 90,000, has no public library, this will be a great resource to enrich the lives of Imara kids.

There are a collection of English and Swahili stories from **African Storybook** to entertain and engage kids while advancing their vocabulary and word count. Both English and Swahili are official languages in Kenya and they also serve as languages of instruction. A great mastery of both Languages is crucial to each student and their academics.

To top it all, each tablet comes preloaded with 62 textbooks and access to many more through project **eKitabu**. These textbooks are culturally relevant and adhere to the local curriculum.

Tablet use

Each child at Imara School will have access to a tablet during technology class. Each child will also have a chance to bring the Tablet home once a week. Mondays will be Kindergarten class day to bring the Tablets home, Tuesdays the 1st graders and on up to Friday when the 4th graders will have the Tablets for the weekend.

Join me, Irene, the Board and all our wellwishers as we work to make this promising resource a reality for the children of Mwala and Imara School.

On behalf of Imara Academy, myself, Irene, and the children of Imara School, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Because of your generosity kids are getting access to an education and their future is looking brighter every day.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Kilonzo