

Students from International College (IC) seek out LERC

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Aya Chahine, Mounir Hakim and Ghada Bakri, 5th grade students from International College (IC), visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at NDU with parent Mrs. Mariana Chahine to seek out help in their project. Their project is part of the *Primary Year Program (PYP)*, which has been in action at IC for 8 years to date.



From left to right: Aya Chahine, Mounir Hakim, Ghada Bakri, and Mrs. Mariana Chahine at LERC (April 2012).

Throughout 3rd and 4th grade, teachers assign topics for student groups to learn how to do research on them, but during 5th grade students themselves find a topic of their interest on which to do research and prepare an exhibition at the end of the academic year.

Aya, Mounir, and Ghada chose to talk about the issue of Lebanese Emigration, for which they have to find information. They have to learn how emigrants adjusted to their situation, and why emigrants decided to leave, and to find solutions to the problem of brain drain. Thus they visited the Center to know more about the Center, its work, and the material LERC houses.

The children met with Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist, who introduced them to LERC and showed them material of interest to them. They were informed about the waves of Lebanese Emigration and were keen to share what they knew, and to learn more and they requested some photos for their exhibition. They also left some questions for Director Hourani to answer which were later sent back to them.

Aya, Mounir, and Ghada later visited the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum at NDU.