

K1 Friday Notes

16th September 2016

HAPPY CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL

We wish all the children and their families a happy time during the Chinese festival season! To celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival we had a fun time with the K1 children in the Chinese class this Thursday. We read story books and watched videos about this festival. The children tried the Mooncake. Many of them love the sweet taste. We enjoyed singing the sweet moon's song very much. These are the links to the songs,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90w9AH71ksk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hj4bnnek9MU>

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS FOR WAI KRU

We would like to say a big thank you to parents for bringing in flowers for today's Wai Kru Celebration. We appreciate your kindness. Thank you for your continued support.

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

We started our "Body & Health" unit on Monday 12th September. This unit will be English Led. All assessment pieces of work for the UOI, which go in the children's portfolio will be done in English for this Unit.

The Transdisciplinary Theme is; 'Who We Are'

The Central Idea is; 'People take care of their bodies in different ways to stay healthy'.

The Lines of Inquiry and Key Concepts are;

- Parts of the body (Form)
- What different parts of the body can do (Function)
- Taking care of the body (Reflection)

The Learner Profiles are;

- Caring
- Principled

The children will develop the following Attitudes;

- Integrity
- Confidence

The Approaches to Learning will include the following;

- Thinking: acquisition of knowledge & syntheses - acquire new knowledge about their bodies.
- Self Management: gross motor skills, spatial awareness, informed choices and healthy lifestyle

- Research: collecting data & recording data

We will focus on the following Subject skills in the Chinese classroom;

- Listen in small or large groups for increasing periods of time - Oral Skills
- Create original artwork to express thoughts and feelings - Viewing & Presenting Skills

We will focus on the following Science skills in the English classroom;

- Examine the body to find out more about it - Science Skills
- Observe how different parts of the body work through hands-on activities - Science Skills

The following Mathematics will be intergrated into the unit;

- Understand that patterns can be found in every day situations for example, sounds, actions, objects, nature
- creat graphs, tally charts, t-bar charts using real objects and people.

In the Chinese classroom we read books about Who I Am. The children showed their interest and knowledge about what their body parts are. We did some group activities where the children practiced putting the parts of body on the correct place of a body outline. Next week we will continue this activity and continue to have a class discussion with the children.

Star of the Week (This child will be line leader for the week, and help the teacher with some jobs. They are also invited to bring something special from home during the week to show the other children).

Please bring in Show and Tell **ONLY** if your child is the 'Star of the Week'.

K1J Denim

K1S An

English

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'T', for truck, train and turtle. Please send in ONE object which is related to the letter/sound of the week. Please label the items with your child's name and put them into the basket outside of English classroom on Monday mornings. We will return your 'Show & Tell' objects on Friday afternoons. Thank you for your support!

If you would like to sing the Jolly Phonics songs at home to help your child learn the sounds you can find the songs at the link below on YouTube;

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjJYB07aSU&feature=player_embedded

Chinese

Thank you parents for your support and help making the K1 Chinese flash cards. We do hope this booklet can help your child at home to view their Chinese characters.

For the audio or reading of K1 Chinese, parents still can access this link also,

<https://youtu.be/a1N4zEUabkA>

We will continue to introduce one new Chinese character each week. Next week's new character is "有", which means "has or have". There will be No Show & Tell for Chinese next week. This new character is a broad topic. Parents are more than welcome to talk with your child about family or friends at home.

有= has, have	
有没有	has or has not
有朋友	have friends
有家人	have a family

Mathematics

In the English classroom this week we counted our body parts, arms, legs, fingers, toes, feet, eyes, nose, mouth and ears. We learnt that our bodies are the same (symmetrical) on both sides. We also named and identified the body parts inside our body and counted these body parts. For example, 'I have 1 heart'. 'Inside my body I have 2 lungs'.

This week in the Chinese classroom we did some comparing activities. We had group games to compare the different size of elephants, squares or lego. The children can do it very confidently. We practiced how to say small, middle and big in Chinese. The children matched the Chinese characters to the different size of the objects. They can make groups of different things according to their size such as, small, middle and big.

Birthdays

K1J None

K1S None

A message from Ms Roxanne, the Literacy Coach and English Department Head

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your help with the development of the English language arts. We hope you have enjoyed the first few weeks watching your child grow and learn in K1. We would like to ask for your support to help your child in the early stages of reading and writing.

Your child is continuing to practice writing their name at school and probably will experiment with writing at home. Please be sure to only use a capital letter at the start of the name (eg, Jane....not JANE). In hyphenated names such as, 'A-Chi' it is written as 'A-Chi'. Sometimes students come into class writing in all capital letters. They get confused when the teacher corrects them. Children are very comfortable when they know families and teachers are on the same team.

Thank you for all your continued support.
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Important Information

Parent -Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday 13th October and Friday 14th October. Thursday 13th October will be a half-day for the students. More information will follow at a later date.

Thank you! Ms Sonya, Ms Juan, Ms Fe and Ms Liu

