

## *K1 Friday Notes*

*19<sup>th</sup> August 2016*

### **Back to School Night: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

We will be giving a presentation on the K1 curriculum and the daily running of the classroom. Any questions you have regarding the program will be covered during this time. There will be two sessions. Please choose the session which is most appropriate for you. You only need to come to one session. The first session will be from 5.00-5.30 pm. The second session will be from 5.40-6.10 pm. We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night.

### **UOI (Unit of Inquiry)**

We will start the 'School' unit on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. More information about this unit and how it is taught will be given at Back to School Night.

**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). We will start the 'Star of the Week' on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

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

K1J Alice

K1S A-Chi

### **English**

The children have settled into the English classroom very well over the last two weeks. They enjoyed playing with the toys, friends, meeting their new teachers and adjusting to the new routines in K1. The children are learning English through songs, dance, books, photos, role play, manipulating objects and movement. They are learning English phrases related to daily classroom life such as, 'Sit down', 'Stand up', 'Go to the toilet and then brush your teeth', 'Where is your bed, find your bed', 'We are going to the canteen for lunch', 'You can read a book', 'Take off your shoes and put them in your locker'.

The children will start learning the English alphabet from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The school uses the Jolly Phonics program. In K1 the children learn all 26 letters of the alphabet. They will learn 1 letter/sound a week. The children will do 1 Jolly Phonics page during the week at school. This will be stuck in the yellow communication books and sent home every Friday. In addition we will send home a different sheet for the children to practice writing the letter and letter recognition every Friday. Please keep this sheet at home for your child to practice with. This will be put in the green folder. Please return the yellow communication book and green folder every Monday.

We will start the English Jolly Phonics 'Show & Tell' from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Please encourage the children to bring in 1 item that is related to the letter of the week. For example, the first letter will be 'S'. So your child could bring in a toy snake, toy snail, strawberry etc. Please bring the item in on Mondays. We will return the items on Fridays. Please ensure your child's name is written on their 'Show & Tell' item.

### Chinese

We will start learning the Chinese high frequency words from next week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. Every Friday we will send home one page for the Chinese word that we learnt at school. You are welcome to keep this page at home. We encourage parents to use it for practicing, reviewing or learning the Chinese word with your child together at home. Students are invited to join Chinese learning activity 'Show & Tell' activity (秀秀说说). Please send in an object which can make connections with the listed phrases in the table below. Please label the items with your child's name and put them into the basket in the Chinese classroom on Monday morning. We will send them home on Fridays. Here is the new character for next week.

| 人   |         |
|-----|---------|
| 人们  | people  |
| 美人鱼 | Mermaid |
| 机器人 | robot   |

### Mathematics

In the English classroom the children will learn to count up to 30 and recognize numbers up to 30 through the daily calendar routine. Every day we will start circle time by looking at the calendar, counting the date/numbers, saying the days of the week and the month. The children will learn vocabulary such as, 'today is....' 'tomorrow will be ....', 'yesterday was ...' 'Today we have PE/Music'. 'We had PE yesterday so today we have Music'. During free morning play time we will also put out numbers for the children to trace so that they get lots of practice recognizing and writing numbers.

In the Chinese class this week we focused on colour activities. We asked the children what their favorite colour is. The children discovered that blue, purple, pink, green, yellow and orange are very popular colours in our K1 classes. We also chose our favourite color to paint a picture. The children are so proud of their first painting in the hallway. Parents if you have a chance please stop by and look at your child's first painting and talk with your children about his/her work and encourage them.

### Birthdays

K1J None

K1S None

### Important Information

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Due to Professional Development for all Teachers and Teacher Assistants there will be no school for students on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Sonya, Ms Juan, Ms Fe and Ms Liu