

K1 Friday Notes

2nd September 2016

UOI (Unit of Inquiry)

Thank you to parents who sent in the CAR photo displaying 'How I Come to School'. Please take your time to do the photo and send them into the Chinese class by Monday 12th September.

This week in Chinese Class we continued the unit "Our School". During group time we discussed who our K1 Teachers are and how many teachers we have this year. The children looked at the photos of different teachers they meet everyday. We also talked about how each Teacher help us to learn. For example, Ms Juan teaches us to speak Chinese. They learnt how to say the different subjects in Chinese. For example, 'English 英文', 'Thai 泰文', 'P.E. 体育' and 'Music 音乐'. We read some books about school and school life. The children looked very happy to come to school.

In the English class the children looked at photos, identified the Teachers and what subject they teach. We read books about coming to school and what happens in school. We read 'Teacher' by Amanda Askew and 'I Love School' by Philemon Sturges. Throughout the last few weeks the Teachers have taken photos of the children as they engaged in their Specialists Lessons and as they have walked to the canteen/K1 playground. The children looked at these photos in a slide show. They were very enthusiastic when they saw themselves on the big screen and enjoyed talking about the photos, where they went and their Teachers.

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 Star of the Week.

K1J Deedee

K1S Aiya

English

In K1 we will start teaching the children how to develop correct writing skills. This involves sitting on the chair correctly, with the chair pushed in and legs under the table. The children will learn how to hold the pencil with a tripod grip. They will learn to use the non-writing hand to hold the paper still. It is important to repeat and reinforce correct writing skills from the very beginning of the school year so that when the children enter K2 they have formed good writing habits. If you can model this and remind the children at home it will help their writing skills greatly.

A friendly reminder that the children will start learning the English alphabet from Monday 5th September. The school uses the Jolly Phonics program. 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 5th 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.

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

We would love to share with parents the K1 Chinese words video, which can be found in the link below ,

<https://youtu.be/a1N4zEUabkA>

Next week, we will be learning the third new character “日”, meaning “sun”.

Please support your child's learning by sending in 'Show & Tell' on Monday (suggested objects are below). Please don't forget to write your child's name on all items. We will share the objects in class throughout the week and send them home on Friday.

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| 日 = sun | |
| 红日 | Sun |
| 生日 | Birthday |

Mathematics

This week the children experimented with numbers by identifying numbers on cards and then placing the correct number of counters next to it to represent the number. The children also continued to learn about shapes and focused on 'squares'. We read books, sang songs about shapes, identified various shapes and learnt how many sides shapes have. The children learnt a song called 'The Shapes Song' at school this week. If you would like to sing this song with your child at home please see the following link on YouTube;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkZs2_1-YJU

The students are learning shapes and colors at school. They enjoyed exploring the different shapes and colors through various activities. In Chinese class they are learning songs and finger play about shapes. This week the students used their hands/bodies to make different shapes in the air. If you want to reinforce SHAPES with your child, you can ask your child to show you how they can use their fingers to make a circle, a square or a triangle. Parents are more than welcome to talk about and review shapes and colours with your child at home.

Here are the links for some Chinese songs about shapes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL5CERGUB2o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ2ab2d3qiY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1OuG1qXIiA>

Birthdays

K1J None

K1S None

Important Information

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

On Thursday 15th September the EY children will celebrate Wai Kru. This celebration will be held in the morning for the children only. Sorry this event is not for parents. There will be other events during the year where parents are welcome to attend. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Thank you!

Ms Sonya, Ms Juan, Ms Fe and Ms Liu