

## *K1 Friday Notes*

*7<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

This week we focused on personal hygiene at school. We are always checking very carefully to ensure the children are using soap properly when washing their hands. The children use paper towel to dry their hands after washing off the soap. We spray alcohol sanitizer on the children's hands before the children go to morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Also after they play in the sand. Parents please kindly help us to reinforce good hygiene habits for the children at home. If your child is sick please do not send them to school. This will help ensure that not only your child, but also all the children stay healthy and prevent germs from spreading. We have been singing songs in Chinese and English at school about washing hands properly. Please feel free to sing these at home with your child. Please see the links below for the songs, which can be found on YouTube;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jl8IoA9oMvI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yR1Eafp81Yo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHPQrYthn6M>

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

This week we continued our "School" unit. In Chinese class the children continued to become more familiar with how to say 'PE, Library, English, Thai and Music' subjects in Chinese. During group time the children discussed what classes we were going to attend. They were all very excited when they went to PE class. The children counted and were amazed to find out that there are more than 10 teachers they meet everyday at school.

In the English class the children continued to look at photos and discuss who their Teachers are and what they teach. We watched the slide show of their Teachers again and discussed as a whole class where they go in the school, what they learn at school and the names of their Teachers. We also started reading books in preparation for the 'Body & Health' Unit, (which will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September). More information about this Unit will be in next week's Friday notes.

**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'.

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### English

This week we started learning the English alphabet through the Jolly Phonics program. The children enjoyed singing the "S" song, doing the action and writing the letter 'S'. Thank you parents for your support at home with the Jolly Phonics 'Show and Tell' items. Your enthusiasm assisted the children's learning. The children loved showing their items and discovered that many things start with the letter 'S'.

Next week we will learn the letter/sound 'A', for apple, ant and aeroplane. 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!

The children are also developing their English Oral language skills. The children are learning to express themselves and speak in English with confidence through the 'Star of the Week' and 'English Show and Tell' activities. All the children are also developing their listening skills and ability to concentrate when they listen to their peers talk about the item they have brought to school to share.

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

### Chinese

Chinese Show & Tell involves the parents and students participating in learning Chinese. We have heard that a lot of parents are learning Chinese at the same time as their child. That is a great way to interact with and have fun with your child. The students really enjoyed talking about, sharing and playing with the 'Show & Tell' objects in the class. Thank you parents for your help!

Next week, the new character is "月", meaning "moon". The suggested objects are below. Please don't forget to label all items and send them in on Monday morning.

月 = moon	
月亮	Moon
月饼	Mooncake

### **Mathematics**

This week the children continued to experiment 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 engaged in sorting activities. We sorted dinosaur counters by colour. The children enjoyed finding different colour dinosaurs as specified by the Teacher and placing them on the corresponding coloured plate.

In the Chinese classrooms the students are continuing to learn about shapes and colors. On a daily basis the children also engage in counting activities, e.g. counting the date, counting from 1-20, the number of friends in the class, the number of boys and girls present etc.

### **Birthdays**

K1J None

K1S None

### **Important Information**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

We would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to the Class Parents. For K1S the Class Parents are, Utt's Mum and A-Chi's Mum. For K1J the Class Parents are, Nikki's Mum and Toto's Mum. We would like to thank them all in advance for working hard to help ensure all the children have a great year in K1 and for helping the Teachers. We appreciate their support. Also thank you to all parents for your continued support throughout the year.

Thank you!

Ms Sonya, Ms Juan, Ms Fe and Ms Liu