

Blue Group 2011-2012



In the Blue Group
Teachers: Ms Cathy
and Ms Monica;
Clare, Zoe, Maja,
Amanda, Roku, Niels

Busy Little Hands

This year, our overall theme is about values. For the first term we focused on and talked about *Respect*. We've incorporated the word in our daily activities and this has helped the children to understand its meaning. For example: respecting your classmates, teachers, toys and animals. We made a large Respect poster and every 2 weeks we asked the children to tell us "What it means to them" and "What they think about it". Then we wrote their sentences in bubbles and we glued them on to the poster. The children really enjoyed doing that and often ask us to read the bubbles to them.

In our Class:

Every morning the children are welcomed and then they get to choose from our five different activity centers. They can choose to join the *Math and Construction table*, the *Sensory table*, the *Writing corner*, the *Arts & Craft corner*, the *home Corner* or the *Big Mat Area*. The children really enjoyed each of the centers and are learning a lot from them. This helps the children to develop their decision making skills and their concentration skills as they sit down on a chair and finish what they started.



Reminder

Tuesday: Show and Tell

(It is very important for the children socially and developmentally and they learn a lot from participating. Please don't forget to remind your child to take an item to school that day.)

Thursday: Swimming and
After School Activities.



Emotions and Feelings

The first 2 weeks: This is the period where the children are settling down. We learned about respecting each other and being polite. We also set classroom rules with the children and learned about who works in our school. The children really enjoyed taking pictures around the school and making a little book about the school.

My Body + Hygiene: The children love to talk about the body and how each part of the body functions differently from one another. We enjoyed making "mini me's": handprints, footprints and other fun activities about the theme. The children were very eager to learn about the brain, how it works and what is under skin for example bones and the skeleton.

We talked about how to take care of ourselves and keep us healthy by washing our hands to keep germs away. We learned that if we want a healthy body we have to exercise and eat well. We also learned about the *Food Pyramid*, how "certain foods make us slow and others makes us go!"

My Emotions: This was an interesting theme and very good for the children. Some of them struggled to express their emotions. To help everyone express and control their emotions verbally, we made a puppet theater and had a puppet show in the classroom. This activity also helped the children with their imagination as they used different voices to express themselves.



Birthdays:

- Roku 27th of August
- Amanda 27th of September
- Clare 27th of November
- Zoe 12th of December
- Maja 23rd of January

What are we doing now?

We are talking about the environment, nature and planet earth. The children enjoy the theme and are very eager to tell lots of stories about different kinds of landscape. We will start Christmas preparation and celebration from the 28th Nov. to the 16th of Dec.



Our Great Moments At Smartkids



Visit to Smartkids
Tran Ngoc Dien



Pirate Day



Mid Autumn Moon Festival

Special Events

Mid-Autumn Festival: This was a special day as we celebrated the festival together with the Red group and the Kiddies group during outside play. We dressed up in *Ao dai's* and had many fun activities together. Also we baked our own Moon Cakes with the Red Group.

Pirate Day: Everyone really had fun playing the game where we dressed up like a pirate and talked like a pirate. We joined the Red and Blue Group and had a treasure hunt in the garden. The children were so eager to find all the clues to finally dig the treasure out of the sand pit. Everyone really had a blast!

Field trip to Smartkids Tran Ngoc Dien Campus: During our 5 senses theme we enjoyed going on a field trip to Smartkids-Tran Ngoc Dien campus. It was great to see all the children go around and explore the new surroundings. In the car we played "I spy". When we arrived we had an awesome picnic. After we played in the sand pit and then with water. We also jumped on the trampoline. Before we left we also played in the Soft Room.

We have said goodbye to Ms Pho who was transferred to Smartkids TND and we welcomed *Ms Monica* in the Blue group.

A few IMPORTANT dates to remember:

*Jolly Phonics will start the 7th of November 

Jolly Phonics is a program designed to teach children to read and write. Children learn the 42 letter sounds of the English language, rather than the alphabet. They are then taken through the stages of blending and segmenting words to develop reading and writing skills.

* We will have Parent & Teacher meetings the week of 21st-25th of November.

*During our Christmas theme from the 28th Nov. to the 16th Dec. We will have a

Smartkids Christmas Party.