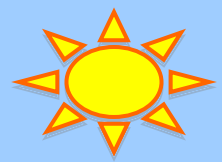


Blue Group Newsletter



March 2012

Christmas



During December we have been very busy preparing for Santa's visit and Christmas. The children enjoyed listening to stories and making Christmas crafts to decorate the classroom. Every morning we learned to count back by on the advent Christmas calendar using our math skills. We were all very happy to see Santa and give him a giant card made by the Blue and Red Group.



Making a story with a friend.



e e"egg" Show and Tell



Tet Celebration



The children loved to learn about the Chinese zodiac Calendar and make their own with the different animals.

We decorated the classroom with Tet flowers and dragons. The children practiced counting and recognizing the numbers from 1 to 12. We reviewed all our colors by making colorful dragons and did a review of our first group of jolly phonics sounds "satpin". Thank you to Ms Lynn and Ms Yoko for inviting the dragon dancers to come to riverside. All the children were very happy to play with the big kids from Thao Dien together on the new playground. We enjoyed a wonderful snack and a very nice performance from the dragon



Let's be a doctor



Pretend Fun



Car Wash

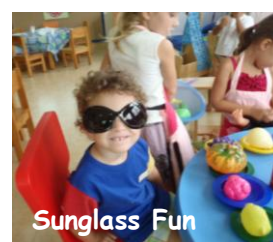


Writing Corner

Valentine's Day



The 14th of February, we celebrated Valentine's Day. It was great to reinforce our theme sharing and caring". The children in the afternoon made a giant heart all together taking turns and helping each other. We made a little book "I love you because..." for children to bring home to give to their parents. During circle time we explained that it's a day where we show our love to people around us. We can buy flowers, make breakfast, and give a smile and many other things. The children enjoyed the day and loved playing the game "who stole the heart from the valentines store".



Sunglass Fun



Sensory Corner

Reminder:

*Parent & Teacher Meetings: 12th - 16th of March

* Break: 30th March to 10th April.

*It's Sunny outside please bring a hat/cap for your child.

What is happening now in the Blue Group!



Here is our Blue Group. We have grown after Tet Break. Welcome to Ms Olga, Samantha and Pepper.

We had a lot of fun preparing and enjoying all the holiday themes. Children learned lots of new vocabulary and also increased their cultural awareness of Christmas and The Traditions of Tet.

We have changed our theme for Term 2 and we are learning about sharing & caring. To embrace the theme we are planning lots of group activities. It helps the children to make connections, make sentences, use polite words, communicate and negotiate with others.

Every morning children enjoy exploring the activities of our different classroom centers. For example: in the sensory corner children experience the manipulation of objects, new textures and messy play. Children learn to get messy and it's good for them to understand "what happens if..."

In the writing corner children trace, color, use rulers to make lines, stick and stamp. The other day we had some letter stickers on the table and the children found the letters of their name and stuck them on the paper to make their name. Afterwards they took markers and wrote their names in upper case letters.

Math corner is for children to make puzzles, play matching games, sort, measure and compare.

Everyday during all our activities the children are learning to be more confident, learning to understand their emotions and express them the correct way. We are here to provide the children with the tools they need to grow and learn while enjoying and loving their environment.

We have been learning about the people in our community and the children really enjoy learning what it means to be a firefighter, a policeman and a doctor.

We were all very thankful to Dr. Runa from Family Medical Practice (Roku's mom) for coming and showing the children what doctors do and what they need to take care of people.

Jolly Phonics: We have finished learning the first group of sounds s, a, t, p, i, n. We are now in the second group c/k, e, h, and m. The children loved to repeat letter sounds and sing the songs. They are linking letter sounds and starting to make three letter words.



Let's be a chef



Getting ready to go down for outside play

Notes: We want to inform you that we are combining the Red and Blue groups. The Blue and Red group will be one big group now in the Blue room.

Change in the classroom: After the holidays we swapped our book corner and home corner. The children were so happy to explore their new environment. It is important for their emotional development to:

- *explore their environment,
- *to notice differences and similarities,
- *to experience change in a safe environment with people they trust.

They see that change can be exciting and positive and learn to accept and enjoy it.