



SmartKids Street 10 talk

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ALMOST THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Dear Parents,

This school year has passed by so fast! Looking back, it was such a great year where we enjoyed welcoming children back into the routine; preparing children to move up to Big Kids, as well as supporting new parents & children during the settling in process. We have had the pleasure to see how well each child has settled, grown and developed!

This year was quite exciting, as we started with only one Kiddies group (Yellow group Kiddies) and one Big Kids group (Red group Big Kids) and in February/March we started a new Kiddies class - the Green group Kiddies - where the children have settled in beautifully!

Our entire SmartKids' team - from our teaching staff who works directly with the children to our guards that work around them - is continuously trying their best to provide a friendly, safe, positive and child centered environment where the children can grow happily and in confidence to the best of their potential.

It has been a privilege to have seen and be part of your children's development and well being.

I wish you a wonderful summer holiday - only a few more weeks to go before summer - and I am looking forward to seeing you again at the summer camp or in August for more adventures!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- * **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**
June 17th 2015
- * **COFFEE MORNING**
August 14th 2015
from 9 to 11am
- * **1ST DAY OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR**
August 17th 2015
- * **VIETNAM NATIONAL DAY**
September 2nd 2015
- * **HALF-TERM HOLIDAY**
October 12-16th 2015
- * **NON CHILDREN DAY**
October 19th 2015
- * **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**
December 18th 2015

SUMMER CAMP FUN

For the 1st time, SmartKids will be open for 5 weeks during the summer!!!

Come and join us for exciting adventures from Monday to Friday 08:00 to 12:00 from June 29th to July 31st July Register ASAP to guarantee a space for your child!



END OF THE YEAR REPORTS Your child's teacher is preparing an End of Year report for your child which you will receive soon. It will describe your child's development throughout his time at SmartKids this year. We hope you will enjoy reading it and that the targets will be followed up at home over the holiday as well!

ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO GROW IN CONFIDENCE



Research has shown that children who are raised to be independent are: **higher achievers, more motivated, more self-confident, and have a higher self-esteem.**

It is important for parents and educators to work together to encourage independence both at home and at school.

At SmartKids, throughout the day, we provide opportunities for children to do things by themselves.

And it starts with each task that are part of the children's routine.

For example, after painting or playing at the messy table, we ask children to wash their hands.

When a child is still young or new to SmartKids (and isn't familiar with our routine), we might have to physically help him with that task: guiding him to the bathroom, showing him how to pour some soap in one hand, how to rinse his hands, dry them off and throw the tissue he used in the bin.

After a few days/weeks repeating this same task, we encourage the child to do it on his own with only verbal guidance from us.

This process helps children to **think for themselves, understand the purpose of the things around them/how to use them** (awareness and understanding of the world), the **appropriate behavior to have** in each situation of their routine, **language and confidence.**

AT SMARTKIDS, we look at children individually even in a group situation. We look at where each of them are at in the development: therefore we adjust the **expectations we have from each of them, the way we talk to them** but we always look for ways to **lift them up to a higher level of independence.**

HOW TO FOLLOW THAT UP AT HOME?

- Have the same expectations of your child at home than the teachers at school.

For example, if your child is able to walk up and down the stairs or put his shoes on by himself at school, let him also do it by himself when he's with you, or encourage him to.

- Tell your child what you are doing when you help him with a task, so it will increase his language skills as well as his self-help skills.

- After a few weeks, lift your child up to doing the task by himself.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ROLE MODELING: Children love to copy what we do! If you would like your child to sit nicely at the table for meals, provide a time when you can have a meal with him, role modeling what he needs to do.

Keep in mind that it is very normal if your child struggles or fails handling some personal tasks by himself, remember to still praise him for trying when appropriate!!!!

