



News From the Green Group



By: Ms. Stephanie

November 2016

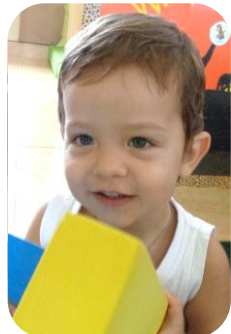
Welcome to the Jungle!

This year we have a fresh new theme for our classroom: Wild Animals! The children have worked together to help transform the Green Room into a safari paradise. We are excited about the new look of our learning environment and invite you to come inside and take a peek!

Two new friends, Hung and Misha, have recently joined our class. Our Green Group veterans have been so kind and welcoming to our new friends and are eager to help them navigate our daily routines.



Hung



Misha



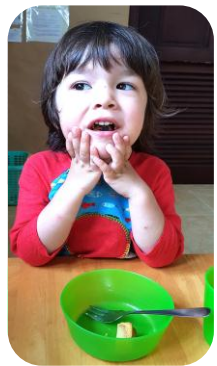
Fearless Explorers!

Mid Autumn Festival

We had a blast celebrating the Mid Autumn Festival together with our friends from the Yellow Group. We looked sharp in our 'ao dai' (traditional Vietnamese outfits) and made our own lanterns to carry during our parade. Our snack time featured a special treat: taro and green bean mooncakes- yum! After all the excitement of the parade and dance party that ensued, we did some 'Sleeping Dragon' yoga to unwind. It was sweet to see how relaxed the children became after just a few minutes of calming yoga with their friends.



Looking cool in our ao dai



Maxi and Hung sampling mooncakes



Jorrin's ready to dance!



Sleeping Dragon yoga



Happy Birthday to James!



SmartKids 10th Birthday

This October was extra special because it marked one decade since SmartKids opened its doors. All three classes at Street 10 worked together to create a beautiful piece of artwork to give Ms. Yoko as a surprise during the birthday party. The Green Group carefully designed their own flower blossoms made of buttons and they really enjoyed the process of decorating the tree! You can get an up-close look at the canvas downstairs where it is hanging on the wall. How wonderful that so many families from Street 10 were able to make it to the party!



Ready to party!



Rosalie and James checking out the face painting station



Unique gifts from all 3 locations!

Fostering Independence

The children in the Green Group are growing bigger and more capable each day. Even the youngest Kiddies take pride in their ability to do things independently, such as putting on their shoes or tidying up their cup and bowl after a meal. The older children in our class often verbalize how proud they feel when they act independently and tell their friends and teachers, "Look, I can do it by myself!" To celebrate this 'big kid behavior,' we created a photo book of our friends' performing self-help skills and classroom 'jobs' such as the ones below. The children are enthusiastic about looking at this book together in the book corner and pointing out the photos of themselves!



Maxi tidying up his things after snacktime



James, Ananda, and Rosalie making 'big bread' sandwiches. They are so skilled at using a fork and knife to cut their bread into bite-size pieces!



Misha is so speedy at putting on his shoes!



Elizabeth peeling a banana by herself—great fine motor skill practice



Each morning, the children choose a job on our job chart (see photo to the right). Our job chart helps teach the children about responsibility and builds a sense of community in the classroom. Job charts also help to increase awareness and dialogue about our daily routine. The Green Group is so good at checking our job chart to see who is in charge of each step of our routine!



Dates to Remember:

Parent Teacher Meetings: November 16th through the 23rd

Christmas Holiday: December 16th through January 9th

