

Yellow Group

March 2014 Newsletter

We've been doing lots of things since our last newsletter!



We celebrated Christmas! We learned about lights, snow, reindeer and, of course, Santa! We even got a chance to decorate our own class tree. Then we had a Christmas party. It was great to see so many parents there! Santa joined us and handed out presents.



Anna Thuy was proud to see Santa!

After our vacation, we came back and started learning about another holiday: Lunar New Year. We began with the topic of horses. We learned that they can be different colors and sizes and that they like to eat grass, apples, oats, and other food. We also learned that they like to run very fast! We took a taxi to Smartkids Street 10 to see the ponies visiting there. We had a chance to groom and brush them, clean their hooves, feed them and then even to ride on them! It was lots of fun and we still enjoy talking about our time there!



Shortly after that, we had another field trip to see the lion and dragon dances. We prepared ourselves by staging our own dances complete with costumes and drums. We pet the costume and talked about how we didn't need to be scared because the dragon and lion weren't real. We dressed up in our Smartkids shirts or ao dias and went to the Smartkids Tran Ngoc Dien location. The dances were noisy, but very colorful and exciting! We saw a red lion and a pink dragon. The dancers showed us their faces before they put on their costumes.



We had helpers so we didn't fall off!



It was fun to have our own lion dance! We got to try drumming, too!



We made our own dragon puppets and sang and danced with them. See the dragon go to sleep!



We followed up our theme about horses and new year with a topic about cowboys, cowgirls and cows. We made a cow for a classroom by rolling on paint. We used our hands to make black spots. We made foil belt buckles, decorated cowboy hats and took turns lassoing our cow! We also used a latex glove filled with white paint and water and tried milking our cow! It was fun to see it come out!




Ms. Katy made tiny holes with a needle so the milk would come out.



We liked playing pretend with the "real" cowboy hat and bandana.



 Christmas and Lunar New Year aren't the only two celebrations we've had at school! We've also had two birthdays! Mana and Oliver have both turned 3!

In other news, we've said goodbye to Donovan who has moved back to



Singapore. We've also said goodbye to Jacques-Yves who is now in the Blue Group! We miss both of them a lot!

We've also been joined by Ms. Xuan and by Jason (2) from Vietnam. Welcome! Jason

May is showing us how silly she can be!



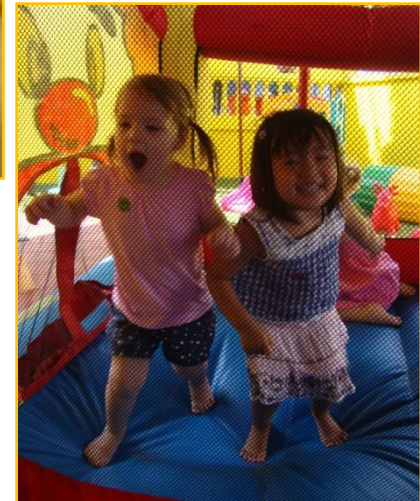
Alisa: "Alisa not scared cow." Well done. Alisa!



Donovan



Jacques-Yves



Jumping on the bouncy castle is fun and makes our legs strong! We also learn cause and effect and to be careful around our friends. The same is true for the ball pool!



We used cookie cutters to make shapes in coconut jelly. Then we played with it in the pool! Ms. Katy was very impressed at how brave everyone was! And how creatively they played!

Parent-teacher meetings will be the afternoons of March 10th to 14th! Please see the sign up sheet outside the Yellow Room door.



Using stickers helps us to develop the muscles in our fingers so we can learn how to manipulate objects.

Take care!
Ms. Katy, Ms. Vi, Ms. Huyen, and Ms. Xuan

