

Green Group

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Constructing a human figure using different art materials like paper, ribbons, buttons, pipe cleaners, etc.



painting my self-portrait



Arts and Crafts

These activities stimulate a child's creativity and imagination as well as fine motor skills and problem solving/critical thinking skills.

What we have been up to...

In August, we have welcomed the new school year with excitement and enthusiasm. We started off by talking about our classroom and the different areas. Then we were busy remembering and getting to know our classroom routine. All the children have settled in wonderfully and were ready to a year of much learning, excitement and fun!

In September, we started with the theme All About Me. We first talked about the different parts of the body and what each part can do. Then we traced our body on a big paper to make our self-portraits. We then made "mini me" at which we talked about our physical attributes. We looked into the mirror to find out what color are our eyes - some blue, brown or black. We also found out what hair color we have or whether it's



face puzzles

straight, curly or wavy and if it is long or short. It was fun to have our own face puzzles; knowing well our face made it easier for us to put the pieces together. We also made our height chart in the class and we will be looking at how much we've grown in term 2 and 3.

In October, we talked about the things that we are able to do independently like eating, dressing/undressing, riding cars/trikes, doing an obstacle course, etc.



self-portrait

At the moment we are learning about My Family. We have started talking about each member of the family (mom, dad, sister/brother) then we counted how many are we in the family. Next week, we will talk about Halloween - a celebration that is observed on the 31st of October in some countries. As we

know that this can be scary for some children, we will keep it simple and fun and it is going to be mainly about masks/costumes, pumpkins, cats/bats/spiders, and "trick or treats". This will be an interesting topic for the children especially that they see some costumes and decorations along the streets. We



Free construction

are also planning to have a halloween party on Friday, October 31st at which parents are invited to come. We will send you a letter soon for more details.

We have had a very good start of the year. It is great getting to know you all throughout the year!

Parent-Teacher Meetings

will be held on November 17-21. Please check the schedule on the Green Group's notice board. Thanks!

HAPPY 8th BIRTHDAY SMARTKIDS

October 2, 2014



All the groups in SmartKids Thao Dien gathered together to show Ms. Yoko a surprise - a mural with all the children's flag handprints. Then we all enjoyed an ice cream treat from SmartKids!



My Friends in the Green Group

Growing Friendship

"I CAN" PHOTOS



V I E N N A



S I E N N A



V I A N N



N A T H A N



M A R T A



C L A R A



S O N A



C H L O E



P O L I N A



Circle Time Songs and Games



The Importance of Circle Time

While active play is one of the important ways young children learn, Circle Time is also equally important and offers countless opportunities for learning. Circle time is a way children develop:

Socialization: Participation during Circle Time helps children learn to interact with adults and children outside of the home. They learn about themselves as they relate to the teacher and other children.

Listening skills: Paying attention to their peers and the teacher while in the circle helps the children develop listening skills as well as respect for both the teacher and their peers. Their having to sit briefly during Circle Time helps children understand boundaries. Learning about structure, limits and rules at an early age is healthy for young children.

Fine and Gross motor skills: Participating in the songs helps promote rhythm, coordination, counting and dexterity as well as singing. Dancing helps with gross motor skills. For example: turning and jumping. An added plus is that it is also a fun form of exercise!

Readiness for School: Children learn to take turns during Circle Time as well as develop patience and an understanding of time - tools they will need as they grow, especially in school. Circle time also expands awareness of physical, sensory and language experiences through exposure to new songs, dances, various materials and other stimuli.