

# News from the Blue Group

## October 2015



### News Flash:

#### New Kids in the Group:



- Anna Thuy and Yi Chi joined us in September!

- Polina & Nathan will join us soon!

- Kim Vy has moved to Singapore with her family..



..And Eleanor will move to Singapore with her family as well!

Dear parents,  
Term 1 is well on its way and November is coming already! What have the children been doing in the past weeks? We started with birds as a theme and the children were happy to decorate the class with bird scenes. As they were busy decorating, some were able to tell many details about familiar birds such as an owl, a chicken, a duck but also some birds of prey. Talking while working together helps children to listen to each other, ask questions and that creates a comfortable atmosphere in the group. It was a nice way to get settled back in after a long holiday.

Another important part of settling in our class is making rules together. The children helped decide how many children can play in a center at any time. They were measuring to see, and counting how many children could play easily in each center. They coloured puppets which we laminated, so that they could discuss how many puppets should go up and then help putting them up with cello tape. This way the children know the rule, keep themselves to it, and remind each other when necessary. This helps create a sense of being in charge of self, helps build regulating skills.



Another task that the children enjoy doing is setting the table for snack & lunch. This involves more than just putting things on the table. The children learn to plan what is needed, what goes first, how many children are there, delegating who does what task, then organize how to do all of these things in an orderly manner, without dropping things!



In the mean time, play has become much more social. From 3 years onwards, children are becoming more social and start building relationships with others. They start to enjoy working together. They build together, pretend to go to "massage" together and help each other succeed and feel good about themselves!

Another development is that this time there are not as many children to fill all the class helper jobs. The children are doing two jobs, arranging together who can do what extra job!!





# Events in the Blue Group



## Big Kids Lantern Parade!

On 25 September it was Tet Trung Thu or, Mid Autumn Festival. The children had made lanterns by first drawing shapes on card, then punched them out. They then glued coloured plastic over them, stapled the lantern together and they each had a unique design! When our friends arrived on Friday morning we took a walk around the compound for a change and we drew lots of attention too! After the walk we had a picnic to cool down. Then there was a present for all friends from May's parents: Traditional Vietnamese Dragon masks and a star lantern! Everyone loved it! Ms. Chloe, teacher from SmartKids St. 10, did a yoga story with everyone, about the Lady on the Moon. This was enjoyed by everyone! We had a great morning together!



## SmartKids turned 9!!

The 10 year Jubileum is drawing nearer as we now celebrated the 9<sup>th</sup> birthday of SmartKids! We had to think hard what to make. The walls are getting full, so does the space around the stair case. We managed though, to make a mobile together. It should just fit! The children decorated mirrored birds, stapled it together (with guidance) and filled up the bird for a 3D effect. The result is something beautiful to look at every time you walk past. So did the kids. Then, suddenly the mobile had disappeared! "Oh no!" the kids said; "The birds are gone!" A quick phone call to Ms. Yoko explained all: She missed seeing the children at Thao Dien, so she decided that the mobile should hang in her office in Tran Ngoc Dien so she could still see the children every day!! That was okay for the big kids...

# Happy Birthday!



Coming up: Friday 30 October, Big Kids Halloween dress up party!! This time in St. 10!



## News & Events:

- Parent-Teacher Meetings are from 23-27 November
- Christmas celebrations will be in the week of 14 - 18 December
- Christmas holidays are from 19 Dec 2015 to 12 Jan 2016; the children start on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January

