

News from the Blue Group



February 2015 We've been so busy this year!



So much has happened since Halloween! We began Jolly Phonics in November and the children have enjoyed learning how to recognize different sounds and short words. We investigated creepy crawly things like bees, spiders and butterflies and learned about the butterfly life cycle.



We used *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to jumpstart our topic of food. We explored what is healthy and unhealthy to eat, how food affects our bodies, and how we eat together and use our manners. The book, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, was very popular and the Blue Group children enjoyed making their own tiger masks and dressing up to act out the story.



We made our own butterflies for dancing with and flitting around the garden.

Then we turned our attention to Christmas! Selma's mum, Johanna, also came to talk to us about the Swedish tradition of celebrating Sankta Lucia and we learned how cold and dark it can be in winter.

Drinking out of the teapot was everyone's favorite part!

Then, we got a taste of the opposite when Liam's dad, Matt,

came and read *An Aussie Night Before Christmas*. The children enjoyed it, though they were somewhat puzzled by Santa using kangaroos instead of reindeer!

Then Santa himself came and brought us so many presents! It was so exciting to meet him and ask him questions!



Since we've returned from the holidays, we've been learning about transportation and how things move. We've even practiced riding bicycles without training wheels! We've also tackled some other tricky movements like learning how to crab walk (move sideways)!



We're using our hand-eye coordination when we ride bikes and fold our blankets!

In addition to our topics, we've been learning how to play together by respecting other people's opinions and cooperating to solve problems.



This has helped us welcome some new friends from the Green Group into our class:



Bond and Patrick



Tilde



James

We like helping our younger friends and siblings!

We've also said goodbye to Ms. Jacqueline and Mia.



But we've had some happy celebrations, too! Marja, Yanika, Kayleigh, Johnny, Henry, and Liam have all turned 4!

We've also been trying new foods, such as Vegemite and mustard.

Now we are busy preparing for Tet and the dragon dance! After the New year, we will have parent teacher meetings from March 23-27. Until then, Chuc Mung Nam Moi!
-Ms. Katy and Ms. Vy

