

# News from the Blue Group



March 2016

We've had lots of events and activities in the last few months! Recently, we've had some new friends join us: **Ms. Tifa**



Lan



Khanh



Z.J.



We've been showing our younger siblings in the Green Group how big we are!



We are becoming more and more independent! We can even make our beds after we change the sheets!



We also celebrated some birthdays!



Before Christmas, Tilde's mom, Pia, visited and showed us how to make Danish Christmas cookies called *brunkager*. They were super yummy!



Henry turned 5 while Enya and Khanh turned 4.



Santa came for Christmas and brought us all presents! We sang him "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" while wearing our reindeer hats! That week we also said goodbye to Ms. Juliette, who returned to France.

We've been learning about Vietnam. We made a beautiful map showing where rice, coffee, and tea grow. While we were making it, we discovered it was important to paint within the lines so that we knew where Vietnam stopped and the other countries began!



We made dragons for Tet! We spend several days painting them, cutting, them, gluing them together, and dancing with them. Long term projects help us develop our memories and ability to prioritize and sequence. Plus, they're fun!

Soga's mom, Chiaki, also visited our class and taught us about the Japanese



new year holiday of *Mamemaki*. She brought ogre masks for her and Ms. Tifa to wear and we had to throw beans at them and chant "*Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!*" It was tricky to remember, but very fun! We welcome parents participating in special activities. If you would like to do something traditional from your country, please let Ms. Katy know!

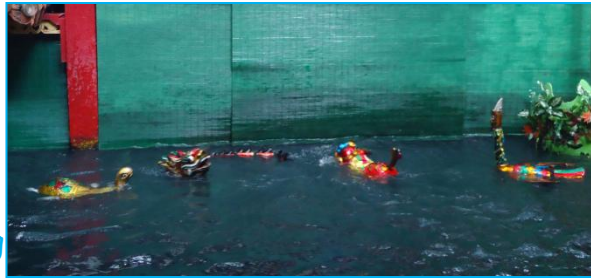
While learning about Vietnam, we went to see a water puppet show! It was amazing to watch the puppets move so gracefully!



We prepared for Tet by doing a lion dance obstacle course! We also made monkeys and pretended to be them by grooming each other.



We loved exploring the costumes!



Parent-teacher meetings will be the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the Blue Room. Take care!  
~ Ms. Katy and Ms. Tifa