

Yellow Group

March 2013 Newsletter

We've been busy the last few months!

We finished our "Me and My World" theme by learning about where we live—Vietnam! We decorated conical hats and wore them on cyclo ride around the compound.



Jacques-Yves, Ms. Katy, Hai, and Mr. Nghia

Christmas brought us a visit from Santa! We learned about reindeer, elves, and Christmas trees. Our Christmas celebration was a success with families sharing their delicious food.



We used our hands for rolling.

We even rolled our own springrolls and ate *bun cha gio* for lunch! Some children even experimented with chopsticks. We also learned about water buffalo and other animals living in Vietnam.



Ms. Vi showed us how to hold chopsticks. It was tricky!



We had fun singing "Jingle Bells" and practicing our Reindeer Dance, even if we were a little shy performing in front of our families!



After we returned from our holiday, we started our "Us and Our World" theme and started learning about our friends' countries. We made flags for our own countries and painted maps.

Then we changed course to learn about Lunar New Year (Tet). We made snakes and practiced hissing and slithering on the floor to celebrate the Year of the Snake.



We also used cookie cutters to cut our own watermelon for snack. Watermelons are good for Tet because they are red!

To prepare for the dragon and lion dances, we performed our own in class! We took turns drumming and trying on the lion head. We also pet the lion costume to understand that we didn't have to be scared.



We also tried being dragons with big eyes and big mouths! Rrrrr!



Lots of children also wore *ao dais* to go see the Dragon Dance.

Then we visited the Smartkids' Tran Ngoc Dien location to join the other kiddies classes and see a dragon and lion dance! We were all very impressed by it and the children did an great job of remaining calm! The dances were very beautiful as well as noisy and exciting. The children have been re-enacting the dragon dance in our class using a giant caterpillar soft toy.



Tet isn't the only celebration we've had! Phuong has turned 3 and Oliver has turned 2.

In sad news, we've said goodbye to Ms. Trang who had to leave to take care of personal matters.



Phuong



Oliver

We have had several new children join us this term! We would like to welcome Donovan from Singapore, Byung Ha from Korea, Sylvia from Australia and Vietnam, Alisa from Russia and Germany, and Kaylan from Brazil and Vietnam. We also have more children who will join us in the coming weeks.



Donovan



Byung Ha



Sylvia



Alisa



Kaylan

Parent-Teacher Meetings are coming up! They will be in the afternoons from March 18th to 22nd in the Yellow Group. Please see the sign-up sheet outside of our classroom! Take care and see you soon! --Ms. Katy, Ms. Vi, and Ms. Helen.