

March 2013 Newsletter

RED GROUP

Special Dates:

18th to 2nd of March:

Parent/Teacher

Meetings

31st of March: Easter

1st to 7th of April:

School closed (Term
break)

8th of April: Term 3
Starts



"We love to learn and play together at Smartkids"



Monthly news

November: Jolly Phonics started on the 5th. The children are eager to learn a new letter sound each week and enjoyed activities related to the sound: yoga poses, craft, tracing, coloring and games.

-We studied the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". This activity helps the children to grow their awareness about caterpillars, learn about: the days of the week, counting, size, colors, and day/night. We also focused on language and communication development and the children learned to retell a story using sequence flash cards.
-We also talked about insects and nature. We made our own little garden for the yard and children learned to be responsible and water them every day.

January and February: We started learning about "Us and Our World". The children learned about our different countries, grew their geographical awareness looking/studying the map, learned about the different houses and building around world/city (Size, shape, texture). The children were so into the theme houses and buildings that we decided to make a mini "city project". We will continue to grow this project during our "Community Helpers Topic." We also had an International day to celebrate our "diverse nationalities".



Enzo and his family
left Vietnam to live
in New York

Nov.



Info



Nami moves up
to the Red Group

Feb.



Celebrations



December: We had a wonderful time singing Christmas carols and filling up the classroom with decorations. We learned how to behave when in a big group and to be confident when Santa comes to meet us. It was an honor to have all our parents with us during our Christmas party and share a wonderful lunch together.

TET and Dragon dance:

The children were very happy to assist at the Dragon dance show in Tran Ngoc Dien Smartkids and learned about the Vietnamese culture and tradition for the "TET celebration."



Ms Cathy and Ms Olga

In the classroom

Since the beginning of the year we can see how the children are growing and improving in each areas. We make sure that in our planning we involve children and validate their curiosity in learning and enabling them to follow the things they are interested in. We give them all the tools/ materials to challenge and stretch their learning. In February we used Google Earth to give them an awareness of the geographical aspect of earth. We are focusing on children strengths while improving on their areas of weaknesses. It helps to create confident, self assured children who are hungry to learn about the world around them.

Centers in the Classroom:

The Learning Centers areas are very important they are designed to cultivate childrens' interest and encourage growth in their developmental skills. That's why it is very important for the children to come on time in the morning to benefit from the centres.

City Project

Out on the construction site

Matching /twisting bolt and screws

Science: Water

Lego town

Dancing

Zoo keepers

Dress up fun

Little cooks