Yellow Group Newsletter

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Our final term!

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter this year. We have had such a fantastic year and its all gone so very fast! We have been busy this term and are excited to share with you some of our activities.



News

In April we celebrated Miu Miu's birthday. We had a great party with a delicious cake!



A Fond Farewell!

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that sadly I will not be returning to Smartkids next year. I have had such a wonderful time here over the past year but the time has come to focus on my career as a Dance Movement Therapist and look for a new challenge and adventure. I wanted to thank you all for your support this year and wish all of our Smartkids families the very best for the future. I will certainly miss everyone and will take with me many happy memories!



Us and our Changing World



Our theme this term was "Us and Our Changing World". We wanted to help our kiddies learn about change, and how change affects them. Our hope is to then better equip them for the transitions which they will inevitably face in their lives. We began by focusing on something simple to help them conceptualize change, and examined the changes we see in trees during different seasons, by making craft posters. We then looked at the concept of growing and how living things are always growing and changing. We had a lot of fun planting our seeds and watching them grow. We then looked at human growth and explored images of different stages of human life. We culminated this exploration by making our own posters of ourselves highlighting the change in us from baby to present. The children loved this project and continue to revisit the posters on our wall to identify their friends.



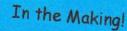


To support the kiddies to deal with change in their changing world, we needed to help them understand the basics of emotion and help them to articulate their feelings so that eventually when faced with change, they can express how that makes them feel. We created a feelings wall during circle time so the children can put pictures of how they feel that day on the wall. We also talked about our hearts and how it hurts our feelings if someone is not kind to us. We talked about the different ways in which we are kind to each other and the children stuck photos of themselves doing kind things to a heart on the wall. We then created a kindness tree. Whenever someone behaves kindly to their friends they can add a homemade flower to the tree.

Needless to say our tree is blossoming!

CHARITY ART AUCTION.

We had so much fun preparing for the charity art auction. We made a jungle diorama and joined forces with the big kids to make a canvass piece made from colorful cellophane and colored water. We enjoyed making the craft and had a great taxi ride to Tran Ngoc Dien to visit our art work on display, and of course had fun playing and jumping on the trampoline while we were there!





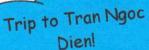




















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