

# Green Group



I can finish an obstacle course!



I can climb up the tree by myself!



I can actively play with friends!

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Over the year the children have gained so much confidence -- from being quiet to being talkative, from scared to being brave, from anxious to being boisterous, from being shy to being social, and much much more! The children have made a lot of progress in their holistic development. Hence, as the school year is ending, we celebrate the skills and confidence they have developed over the year. Enjoy these photos of their "I can..." moments.



We have had busy and fun-filled activities during the last term.

In March, we continued our theme about On the Farm. We had set up a Farm in

the classroom where we displayed all the different arts and crafts we made such as duck, sheep, apple tree, tractors, scarecrows, etc. We all enjoyed "milking the cow" and "sheering the sheep". We have also planted tomato seeds which we looked after to; making sure that they get enough sunlight and water for them to grow.

In April, we talked about Baby Animals such as puppies, kittens, lambs, chicks and ducklings. Easter was a fun topic, too! We painted eggs and used eggshells in our crafts. We had an Easter Egg Hunt. The children were very keen at following the tracks of the Easter Bunny to locate the eggs.



Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone was so excited to look for the eggs in our outdoor area - behind the furnitures, through the potted plants, and elsewhere. Some children were happy to share eggs to their friends who had none.

In May, we started talking about Community Helpers, starting off with people who keep us safe: Firefighters and Police Officers. We have set up a Fire Station in the class where the children pretended as firefighters who receive a phone call, put jackets and helmets on, go in and out of the fire truck, unwind the hose and put the fire out!



Currently, we are talking about people who keep us healthy: doctors/nurses and dentists.

We have also set up a Hospital Corner which turned out to be the group's favorite!

Only four more weeks before the holiday but we still keep the excitement and fun growing in the Green Group!



I can climb up the tree by myself!



I can use scissors with control!

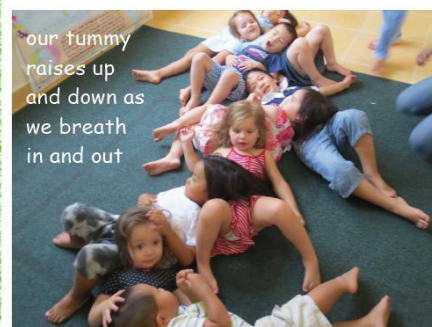


I can balance!



I can trace along the lines!





our tummy  
raises up  
and down as  
we breath  
in and out

## Kids Yoga

This has become one of the favorite activities in the Green Group! Yoga for children is quite different than yoga for adults. Kids

yoga integrates storytelling, games, music and language. Yoga at an early age encourages self-esteem and body awareness with a physical activity that is noncompetitive. Physically, it enhances their flexibility, strength, balance and coordination. In addition, their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation

improves. When the children imitate the movements and sounds of nature, they have a chance to get inside another being and imagine taking on its qualities.



tree  
pose!  
(Samuel  
feels  
proud  
and says  
"yey!")

Some of the yoga stories we had were "mountain adventure", "camel ride" and "jungle walk". In these stories, we execute yoga poses such as tree, cobra snake, bird, cloud, mountain, bridge, etc. The children can find their own way of moving their body and exploring how flexible their body can be.



Hana's first  
time to do  
the cloud  
pose



Farmer Julia  
feeds the animals

## Farm

As farmers, the children take care of the animals, milk the cow, shear the sheep, clean the farm, etc.



Fireman Nathan is about to  
go in the fire engine

## Fire Station

The children enjoyed putting on their helmets and jackets, going in and out of the fire truck and unwinding the hose.



Doctor Ian listens to the  
sound of Ms. Tifa's tummy

## Hospital

The group's favorite! They pretended as receptionists, doctors/nurses and patients. Taking turns was a challenge but in the end, they have learned to share!



Caleb  
waters  
the  
tomato  
seeds

## Imaginative Play

We have set-up special role-play areas in the classroom to reinforce our themes. Aside from the fun and excitement that these areas give to the children, these also enhance the children's self-expression and imagination, social and emotional skills, language and thinking skills.



Vienna checks Nathan's ear



The children enjoy going through their portfolios. They like looking back at the things they have done throughout the year.

As the school year is nearly over, we would like to thank all of you for entrusting your child to us and for the good relationships we have had.

Goodbye's are not always easy but to those who are leaving at the end of the year (Caleb, Julia, Hana, Samuel and Lila) we wish them all good luck in their new schools.

Our last day in Smartkids will be on the 26th of June and the new school year starts on the 18th of August. We will have a Year-End Party in the last week of June. Information about the party will be posted soon.

Have a great summer break!

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