

Highlights over the past two weeks...

Happy New Year and welcome to our very first Kindylink of 2010. It has been very busy and exciting in the Pre K classroom these first two weeks, as all our children are settling into Kindy life. It is never easy starting a new school - mums, dads and children are all a little nervous. However, the children have settled in well.

- Much of our time these first two weeks has been spent settling the children into their new kindergarten environment as well as learning our general routines such as at arrival time, toilet break, snack time and lining up. We also made an effort to explain these routines and have begun to introduce classroom and outdoor play area rules. I am proud to say all the children know the safe and correct way to climb the stairs and we are all becoming experts at tidying up!
- We have been playing lots of games to help the children learn their peers' names such as 'Pass the ball', 'Roll a ball to a friend', 'Magic blanket' and 'Throw the beanbag in the hoop'. The children are slowly learning their classmates names and we will continue to reinforce this area.
- We have spent some time over the last two weeks learning our "Good Morning" and "Goodbye" song. Of course we have also been singing some of our old time favourites such as "Open Shut Them", "If You Are Happy and You Know It" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars."
- In our Music and Movement session we had lots of fun listening to and following the actions in the songs "Let's clap our hands" and "Freeze" were both a hit with the children.
- A gentle reminder that library day is on Monday and the children will need their library bags in order to take a book home.

At home...

Ask your child about the other children and teachers in their class... Can they remember names? (You could use the class list to help out). Please help your child to remember the arrival routine:- 1. Hang their bag up. 2. Wash their hands. 3. Place their water bottle and snack box on the shelf. With your partnership I know that they can do it!



Our Superstar is...



Kaitlyn
because she is independent and also cooperates well with her peers during tidying up time.

Coming Up...

We will be introducing and starting our topic on "All About Me" to the children to next week.

Dates for your diary...

Fri 12th Feb - Chinese New Year Celebrations

Mon 15th & Tues 16th Feb - Chinese New Year holidays - Kindergarten closed

Tues 9th March - 'Bear and Chicken Get Ready for School' Whole Kindy excursion. All the children come to Kindy in the morning. Professional Development for the staff in the afternoon.

From Justine...

Welcome to our first Kindylink of 2010! I would like to welcome all of our new children and their families and a big welcome back to those returning.

We are all extremely pleased at how quickly all of the children have settled into their new classes and in the Kindy environment- it is fantastic! We hope that 2010 is a wonderful year for them all. ☺

Please be sure to look at your child's timetable and take note of things such as library day and water play on Fridays. You may also like to take a look at the term schedule and calendar for 2010 on the website to gain an overall picture of the year ahead.

I would also like to re-iterate the importance of labeling every item of your child's belongings. It is a huge help when trying to locate lost or mixed up items!

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to email/ring/drop in to the classroom to see your child's class teacher; or Linda and myself in the Office. We are all looking forward to having a fantastic 2010!