

### Highlights over the past two weeks...

- Last week we introduced the topic of "All About Me" to the children.
- We made a graph to see how many boys and girls we have in our class, and discovered that we have eight boys and seven girls. We also graphed our eye colour with brown eyes being the most prominent colour. With these activities, we draw the children's awareness to their and their peers' attributes on gender and eye colour.
- We have continued to play various games and provide opportunities for the children to engage in activities to encourage them to learn each other's names. The children were very enthusiastic about matching an A5 sized photo to their name card with a small photo. The children not only matched the photos of themselves but many of their peers whilst verbally naming their peers in the photos.
- We also focused on the initial letter in the children's names and also began to count how many letters there are in their own names. The children have been busy working on their individual "All About Me" book.
- We learnt that our body is made up of various body parts (ask your child if they can point to their wrist, palms, ankles).
- Each week we will be introducing a letter of the alphabet, its name and sound, as well as its Jolly Phonics action and song. We will be teaching the children accordingly to alphabetic order and some weeks we will revise over the letters that have been introduced so far. For 'a', we cut up green and red apples in both vertical and horizontal cross sections, the children were amazed by the different shapes and appearances of the bisected apples. They also had a great time tasting the apples. They noticed that the green apples are a bit sour and the red apples are sweet.

### At home...

- Pretend to be detectives and find things that begin with 'a' around the house. The children will need guidance with this to start with. If this is a little tricky, maybe find at least three things that begin with 'a', such as apple, aeroplane, alligator and apron.



### Our Superstar is...

**Kaira**

because she has settled well in the Kindergarten and participates in all the activities!



### Coming Up...

- We will continue on with the topic of 'All About Me' by taking a look at how old are the children, when are their birthdays and looking at their growth from baby, toddler to a young child.
- For Jolly Phonics, we will be looking at the letters 'b' and 'c'.

### Dates for your diary...

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Chinese New Year Celebrations

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> & Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Chinese New Year holidays - Kindergarten closed

**Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Pre-K excursion to My Gym

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Mar** - '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.

**Thur 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** - K1 excursion to a bumboat ride

### From Justine...

The children all did a marvelous job for our Jumpthon for the victims in Haiti. A very big thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the counting of the jumps. All of children were extremely excited to jump! The directors had also made a donation of \$S\$1,000. In total, we had raised **\$S\$10,641** for Haiti! What a spectacular record! Many thanks to the Chatsworth Kindergarten Community and Friends! All the money raised will be sent to the Singapore Red Cross Society today.

We had our first assembly today. During this time we celebrated our superstars and birthdays for the months. We also spent some time discussing why we did the Jumpthon and how all of the money we raised was going to help the people in Haiti. Of course we ended the assembly with our Chatsworth Kindergarten song. Yeah!!!