

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 start in the Pre-K classroom as all our children are settling into Kindy life. We spent the first two weeks settling in, learning routines and learning the names of all our peers in class. Not only did the children do an excellent job of tidying up the classroom daily, they are also being alert and careful when ascending and descending the stairs. We've spent some time discussing the classroom and outdoor rules and the children worked hard at thinking of rules that keep themselves safe, being respectful of not only their teachers but their peers too.

- A guided tour of the Kindergarten was conducted and the children were introduced to all the K1 & K2 teachers, Miss Linda (in the office), Miss Soo and Miss May (our ground persons).
- There are so many new friends and names to learn so we played lots of exciting games ('Pass the ball', 'Roll a ball to a friend', 'Magic blanket', 'Which friend is hiding' and 'Throw the beanbag in the hoop') to help us remember each other's names such as.
- We sang lots of nursery songs which included old favourites like "Twinkle, twinkle little star" "Baa baa black sheep", etc.
- We started our Music and Movement session this week and we had lots of fun listening to and following the actions in the songs 'Shake Your Sillies Out', 'Let's clap our hands' and the 'Freeze'.
- 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) They have been fantastic at doing this at Kindy! You may also like to take your child to the supermarket or market to choose some fruit for their snack during the week.



Our Superstar is...



Samaire

because she is independent and listens to instructions well. She is also very helpful towards her peers in school.

Coming Up...

We will be introducing and starting our topic of "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!