

FRUITS, VEGGIES AND AUTUMN

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE | ACCREDITED MONTESSORI SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

October has been a very 'fruitful' month at the Children's House! Our new students have settled well and the old students have gotten back in sync with the Montessori classroom environment. As the weather begins to get better with autumn slowly making its way here, one leaf at a time, the students have been able to enjoy more outdoor activities. They also got a chance to learn all about fruits and vegetables, including pumpkins. And speaking of pumpkins, of course, October couldn't be complete without a Halloween event...which thanks to the dedicated PTA and parent volunteers, was a huge success! The parade was definitely very enchanting with all the witches, fairies, monsters and other weird and wonderful characters! This month also saw the final preparations for our sister school, The Morning Star. Parents were invited to a guided tour of the new premises and were able to see all of the new facilities, including the impressive playground, which our Sunshine class will be able to enjoy once we open its doors (hopefully in November). In line with the change in season and new school, we decided to revamp our newsletter. We hope that you will like it's new, fresh look!

Next month, the theme will be animals and their babies. We would like to remind parents to sign-up for the reader's corner - the book can be related to the monthly theme or anything of choice. Till then, have a wonderful mid-term break. We will be back at school on Sunday 5 November.

Ms. Kim Ferreira

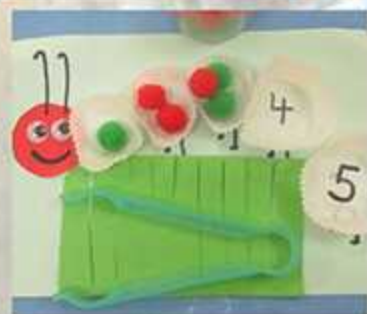




SUNSHINE CLASS

Another great month is coming to an end, and it is our pleasure to update you on some of the main areas of learning for all the Sunshine children. You might have picked up that fruits and vegetables were the main theme over the past few weeks, which included activities such as making a green salad and a fruit salad during our cooking lesson. The children were able to proudly show you how their little mung bean seeds have sprouted and grown into a little plant. The children had a lot of fun in the planting process, and they found it very exciting to watch their seeds grow a little bit more every day.

Another highlight of our theme was our traditional nature walk to the farm next door. In the past, we used to be able to pick different vegetables from the farm, however, due to the warm temperatures this year, the produce was not ready to be harvested. Still, it was great learning for the kids and a nice walking exercise for all of us.



In respect to the Montessori curriculum in our classroom, it can be said that all children are now working with a wide spectrum of Montessori materials across the different areas. In the Montessori classroom, different areas are devoted to particular learning objectives, for example, the sensorial area being dedicated to teaching the children about sensory awareness. In our age group, exercises to develop sensory awareness are especially valuable because this is when the nervous system is developing - hence we want to stimulate children's senses in ways that discriminate between the properties of different objects. At a more advanced level, children are asked to arrange a set of objects in order based on the variations in one aspect, such as height, color tone, shape, and so on. Weight, aroma, taste, temperature or sound are further learning goals that we will highlight in the coming weeks. Our aim is to provide meaningful challenges that will boost the children's self-esteem and confidence when they realize that they are able to tackle new learning activities independently.

Finally, we would like to mention that math was the main focus of this month during our circle times. You might have noticed that your child's awareness of numbers, counting and quantities has improved. We primarily concentrated on numbers from 1-10, in both English and Arabic. In order to make the challenge of counting in quantities more accessible and fun, we worked with the Montessori materials, but also added a few creative touches as shown in the pictures above. These ideas can be easily implemented at home if you wish to create contingency of the learning from school to your home. We saw great response by the children working with the caterpillar and we will continue to come up with new ideas to catch the children's interest in different areas.

As usual, we want to remind everybody of our open door policy - if you have any thoughts about your child that you would like to run past us, please do not hesitate to do so.



For now, we wish all the parents an enjoyable mid-term break. See you soon.

Sunshine Team



STARS CLASS



The month of October has given our Stars Class the opportunity to learn and explore more about their immediate environment, especially fruits, vegetables and the autumn season, which were integrated into each area of learning in the Montessori environment.

Students were introduced to different types of fruits and vegetables to enhance their vocabulary and reinforce their learning. We sang simple songs related to the theme, which were easily memorized by the children. In the meantime, the students were introduced to two new phonic sounds "c" and "n". Some of the children are able to figure out the initial sounds of the names of objects, while others attempted to internalize what they had just learned. A few of the children have begun to build three-letter words with phonic sounds that they are familiar with, which is a great milestone in their academic journey.

Most of our Stars have started learning how to write numbers on sand trays, whiteboards, and chalkboards. They also gained new skills like counting from 1 -20, counting backward from 20-1 and striving to perfect new concepts like odd and even numbers, and the value of zero.

The children were also exposed to a sensory (touch and taste) activity using fruits and vegetables during circle time. They also had the opportunity to explore the cross-sections of the various fruits and vegetables. They did fruit and vegetable stamping during arts and crafts, which turned out to be a joyous experimentation and discovery activity. The students also had the opportunity to plant onions, ginger and green beans in order to understand the importance of the sun and plants for the existence of all living things. This was reinforced by the visit to the nearby farm, which was also a wonderful nature walk experience.

For the cooking activity, we made fruit salad. This was a marvelous opportunity which led to fruitful discussions and the exchange of ideas e.g. Where do we grow vegetables? What are the benefits of eating healthy food?etc).

Meanwhile, we were also busy preparing for the Halloween event with many arts and craft activities. The children looked great in their costumes and were very excited to take part in the Halloween parade.

We look forward to a great month ahead with lots of excitement and joy!!!!!!
Stars Team





RAINBOW CLASS

Rainbow class has had a spectacular and very productive month with so much to learn in a fun and joyful way. Our theme for this month was 'fruits and vegetables and the autumn season'. We did various activities pertaining to the theme that always makes the learning process more exciting. We learned the names of many fruits and vegetables, where they grow and the kinds of seeds found in different fruits. Each week we would display and try out a different fruit and vegetable, also making it the healthy snack for the day. Our children absolutely loved collecting dry leaves from the outdoor area and proudly showcasing them on the nature table.

For our cooking class, we made a delicious vegetable salad using fresh ingredients, cutting and slicing them all by ourselves. It was an excellent opportunity for many children to try a new vegetable. We did a fun puppet show on fruits and vegetables using 'finger puppets', where the children got to name and play their favorite one.

We have been busy in the language area and most of our morning time is spent doing some writing practice. We have been reviewing the phonics and the children are doing very well in thinking of words containing a particular sound (beginning, middle and ending). The children have shown great interest in learning all the vowels and their importance in word building.

Our mathematicians are getting more comfortable working with numbers performing addition, subtraction and for some even multiplication. We have been practicing our counting from 1 all the way to a 100 and are getting better by the day. A lot of writing practice is in progress, which will allow the children to work more independently.

We would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful Halloween parade; indeed it was a great fun for both children and adults. Our theme for next month is 'Animals and their babies' and we have already set a plan for all the fun activities we will be doing. Our good wishes and support are always with the children.

- Rainbow Team





ARABIC



Sunshine

This month's theme was fruits, vegetables, and autumn. We learned about fruits like apples and bananas, and vegetables such as potatoes, carrots and tomatoes - and also sang songs about them. We learned the circle shape, and sang the song 'ana da-era' or 'I'm a circle'. We also learned the letter B and used it in words, counted from 1-10 and learned the color 'red'.



Star

This month we had an amazing time talking about fruits and vegetables. We learned how to count from 1-15 and how to make a small conversation e.g. 'My name is...I'm from...'. We also learned how to recognize different letters (B-T), shapes (circle-triangle) and colors (yellow-blue)

Rainbow

This month we learned the names of different fruits and vegetables. We also learned how to count from 1-20, write the numbers 1-2-3 and recognize the letters T-D. We also learned about the triangle and square and the colors green and blue. We also enjoyed singing the weekly days' song.





P.E.



This month, P.E. class has been all about finding the right balance between fun and sports! The kids had a fun time balancing, jumping on the trampoline and hula-hooping and got to learn about team-work through fun exercises.



MUSIC



The children have been having so much fun preparing for the winter show and have started to learn some songs for the event. We've also begun exploring different instruments.



PTA

A big thank you to all the parents who worked so hard and took time out their busy schedules to help create a spooktacular Halloween Party! It truly was a hit! Many thanks for parents who donated candy and toys for the parade. This was truly helpful and contributed to the wonderful party! If you would like to be on the PTA mailing list or added to the WhatsApp Group kindly ask the office to be placed on the mailing list. The weekly Mystery Book Reader is in need of parent or relative volunteers! If you have time, please sign up for Mystery Reader and surprise your child at school! This was a great hit last year and we want to continue it this year. If you are interested, please check on the announcement board in the pick-up area. Hope to see you there!

Next month we will be having another meeting to discuss the next event which is International Day. The venue to meet will be determined at a later date.

We are looking forward to meeting new faces at the next meeting! Thank you so much!

The Children's House PTA

