



TRANSPORTATION

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE | ACCREDITED
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful spring break! We are happy to see our students blooming with the Spring weather and all energized for the busy term ahead. We have many fun days lined up, including the Baby Olympics (from 6-9 May), splash day and practicing for the end of year concert.

As we enter the month of May, our teachers continue to find fun and interesting ways to introduce new skills and content while encouraging continued learning of older skills. Movie day this month was a good chance to teach the children about road safety and the dangers of speeding - they also put their fine motor skills to practice as they tried to put fruit onto skewers during the cooking class.

A big thank you to all the parents for their donations on Mufti Day; we managed to collect BD 60 from both The Children's House and The Morning Star. The proceeds were presented to Dr. Rana Al Sairafi, Managing Director of Be-Free Program - Bahrain Women's Association; they will be used to help less fortunate children. We would not be able to continue this great tradition without your support year after year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

01 May
Labour Day Holiday

6-9 May
Baby Games

13 May
Splash Day
Star and Rainbow

May Theme
Our Body and Senses



STAR CLASS



The month of April was a short but busy month. We delved into the theme "Transportation and Opposites" by integrating so many activities into each curriculum area. We discussed the way we come to school and defined transportation as 'moving people or things from one place to another'.

Further, we carried out discussions about the different ways we travel and the children practiced identifying, sorting and exploring vehicles that travel on land, water, air or by cable. In order to enhance fine and gross motor skills, the children explored different types vehicles in the indoor play area and they had a great time riding tricycles and cars outdoor.

In the language and literacy area, we learned how to associate phonic sounds with the names of the initial sounds of the vehicles and worked on puzzles related to opposites. We integrated opposites like fast and slow, big and small, heavy and light to sort out the vehicles, and to enhance their vocabulary. In addition to this, we read small booklets and built three and four-letter words and sight words in order to enhance their literacy skills.

We explored how vehicles move and we counted the number of wheels, propellers, wings that each mode of transportation has. This provided an opportunity for children to delve more into learning concepts like addition and subtraction. We learned to skip count -by 5 and 10- and read numbers that are greater than one hundred.

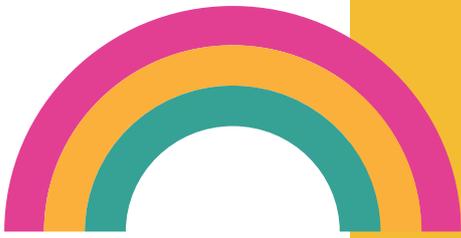
To expand the children's knowledge about the world around us, we introduced the common traffic safety signs and talked about the safety of using seat belts when traveling. Further, we extended their learning by differentiating between land and water forms (island and lake) and incorporating vehicles that travel on land and water. We reviewed the colors on a traffic light while creating our own traffic lights. Transportation sorting cards aided the review of the names of vehicles and the jobs that each vehicle performs.

We created boats, parachutes and rockets out of various geometric shapes in order to help build cognitive skills of discovery, exploration and for reinforcement. In cooking, we had made yummy fruit kebabs and children learned opposites like; 'sweet and sour, big and small, full and empty" while tasting them. We had a great time watching a movie related to the theme (transportation) while enjoying some delicious popcorn.

We loved coming to school in our fun outfits on Mufti Day, especially that it was for such a great cause (proceeds were collected for 'Be Free' to help underprivileged children)! We look forward to a month filled with lots of fun and joy ahead. The theme for May will be 'Our Body and Five Senses'.

Star Team





RAINBOW CLASS



This newsletter concludes another fantastic month at the Children's House. There is always so much to learn, explore and share with everyone. Our theme for this month was Transportation and Opposites. As anticipated the children had a lot of fun learning about the different sources of transportation and even explored some unique ones from around the world. We learned about opposites in detail and looked up as many as we could - what a fun circle time this made!

For our favorite cooking class, we made delicious "fruit kebabs" using fresh and ripe fruit. The children put their fine motor skills to use as they sliced the fruit and threaded it onto the skewers creating a pattern.

The children further practiced their creativity as they made different vehicles simply out of shoeboxes, kitchen rolls and card paper adding the final touches with paint. Everybody at the Children's House had a terrific time on Mufti day as we enjoyed different jovial activities in our casual wear. They also had a fabulous time watching a short cartoon about the dangers of speeding, while enjoying freshly popped popcorn.



In our language section, we have been emphasizing high-frequency words. We are working on our phonograms (sh, ch, oo, ee, th, ow) as we stumble upon them the more we read. The level of interest and progress the children have shown is delightful.

In the math area, we have been practicing word problems involving basic binary operations 'addition' and 'subtraction'. In the meantime, we are continuing to perfect our writing skills when it comes to big numbers, equations etc.



Our theme for next month is our body and senses, and the Summer season. We have already sketched out another exciting month and all the fun things we will do. We wish our children success in every step towards their goal.

Rainbow Team



ARABIC

Star

This month we learned about the different modes of transport (train-plane-ship-car). We talked about opposites (cold-hot, right-left) and we reviewed all the shapes we've learned so far. We learned a new color this month (purple) and counting from 1-35. Lastly, we learned the letters Aa - ع and Ta-ط.



Rainbow 1 and 2

This month was full of fun activities. We learnt about the different modes of transport (car-train-airplanes) and opposites such as up-down, left-right, above-below...etc. We learnt the colors black and white and counting from 1-45. We also learnt the letters M - م , and N - ن.





P.E.

We spent this month gearing up (and doing a photoshoot) for the Baby Olympic Games coming up in May. In addition to performing on stage, the children will take part in the basketball, football, gymnastics and athletics competitions. We are enthusiastic about our team and are sure The Children's House will come back with many medals!



MUSIC



Star and Rainbow are doing really well in Music class. They are always really enthusiastic to sing and dance, and they've already memorized the songs for the end of year concert.



PTA

Welcome to the last term of the school year! We have welcomed new faces this last term with The Morning Star and The Children's House!

We recently had our first meeting for the term at Otto cafe for breakfast and coffee. It was a great turn out! We were able to see new faces and have a very fun and successful meeting. We are planning for new events to close out the school year in May and June.



We still need your help with the bake sale! Any donations for the bake sales will go to the events and gifts for teachers and staff at the end of the school year. If you would like to sign up, please make sure to sign up at the Children's House and also The Morning Star next door so we do not have double sign ups! The sign-up sheets are in the main areas of the schools.

Please volunteer your time for Mystery Reader. Volunteers are so badly needed! If you have the time, it is only 15 minutes and it is so memorable for the students!



Thank you so much for all that you do and we hope to be able to see you at next month's PTA coffee and breakfast meeting!

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YOU

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