



LIFE CYCLES

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE | ACCREDITED MONTESSORI SCHOOL



UPCOMING EVENTS

21 March
Mother's Day



27 March
End of Term

March Theme
Professions



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, it was fun-filled and very busy! We started the month off with the International Family lunch day and The Barnes and Noble Book Fair. It was a great way to celebrate our school's diverse community and taste wonderful dishes from around the world. The children participated in a variety of activities. They learned that flags represent countries and that each child has a flag or flags that represent where his/her family come from. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us!

February has also been a wonderful month of learning. The children learned about the life cycle of frogs, butterflies, and humans. They were very enthusiastic to learn how people, plants, and animals, change and grow.

We also celebrated Valentine's Day and the Lunar New Year- the year of the Dog. The children had a lot of fun making New Years and Valentine cards for their parents and were super excited to surprise them!

We have fun events and activities planned for the children in March. The theme of the month will be 'Professions'. The teachers will discuss community workers and how they help us, and the children will share their wishes of who or what they want to be when they grow up. We would like to invite some of the parents to give a short talk about their profession in their child/children's class. We hope many of you will be able to share with the children your intriguing careers. Please sign up for that if interested.

Our spring camp will be held from 1 to 5 April with Ms. Fatima. Registration is now open.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

Ms. Sonia Bourguiba-Hachemi & Ms. Kim Ferreira



STAR CLASS



February has already come to an end. It has been such a pleasure seeing the children take initiative and show responsibility in carrying out various classroom activities. They are progressing well, and as usual, we have challenged them with new tasks and skills to facilitate their learning.

The theme for this month was life cycles. The children showed great interest in learning the different stages of a life cycle, and were fascinated when they incorporated them in their immediate environment. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and inquisitive nature has encouraged them to delve into the exploration of different habitats of living creatures. They really enjoyed making caterpillars out of playdough, drawing them in their booklets using their imagination, which underpins their intellectual growth and helps build their unique personalities.

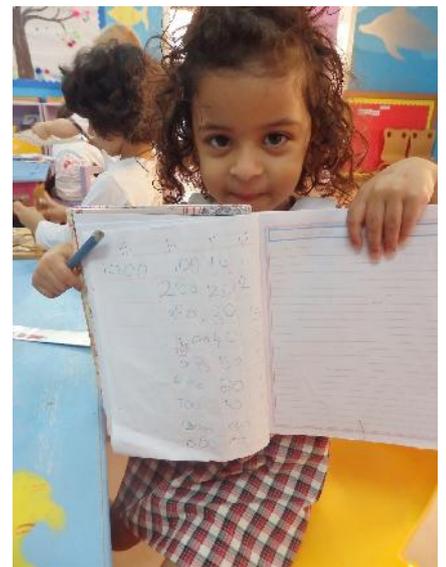
The theme was incorporated to many areas of learning in the classroom; the children were very interested in narrating them as stories of their own especially in the library time and circle time. We introduced a song for the life cycle of a butterfly (there is a tiny caterpillar on a leaf....), which the children love to sing when they spend time in the book corner. The children were exposed to new terminologies (e.g. eggs, caterpillar, cocoon, butterfly, chick, chicken, cockerel, hen...etc.) related to the various stages of different life cycles. This will help develop their vocabulary and has already led to further discussion about the fish that is being taken care of in the classroom. This will also enable them to build a sense of responsibility in taking care of the plants and animals around them.

Some of the children were able to identify the initial sound of the stages of life cycles - which we introduced to them as a part of language game. With the dynamic function of the classroom, some of the children have already moved on to three/four-letter word building and reading, while others are making steady progress in solidifying their phonic knowledge.

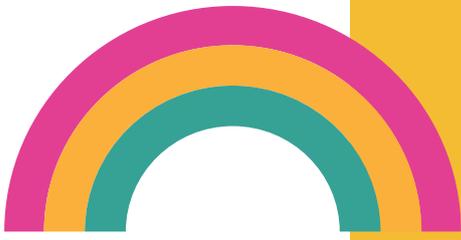
The children's ability in counting in sequence and number recognition was reinforced by identifying the number of stages of each life cycle (life cycle of a human - 8 stages) and associating the corresponding numbers with each life cycle (life cycle of butterfly - 4 stages, life cycle of a chicken - 3 stages). Apart from this, they have been learning to count in sequence from 1 - 30 and to count backwards from 10 - 1 on a daily basis.

The children were very excited to make cookies and enthusiastically contributed to the discussions on how to make cookie dough. They really had a great time making the different stages of a butterfly life cycle from the dough and enjoyed eating every bit of the delicious cookies.

Last but not least, the children made valentine cards for their parents and were super excited to surprise them!! It is a pleasure to see the children's knowledge growing by leaps and bounds along with their unique personalities. We look forward to welcoming an exciting month ahead! Next month's theme is 'Professions'.



Stars Team



RAINBOW CLASS

Another fabulous month has gone by, giving us another chance to increase the children's knowledge and introduce them to fresh, new concepts! So, we had a busy, yet very constructive February. Our theme for this month was life cycles, and as anticipated, our children showed great interest and worked with a lot of enthusiasm. We studied the life cycle of a frog, a butterfly, a chicken, a human and a plant. The children showed great understanding about the importance of a life cycle for the wellbeing of every living creature on earth. We made fun art pieces pertaining to the theme and displayed them for everyone to enjoy. Like every year, the children expressed love for their family by making adorable valentine cards and even made the effort to write a message therein all by themselves. We had a fun experience celebrating the Lunar New Year by wearing traditional Chinese outfits and making festively fun greeting cards.

For our cooking class, we prepared freshly baked cookies. The children again got creative cutting out different shapes and embellishing the tops with pretty sprinkles. They couldn't wait to try out their yummy creations hot from the oven.

The children have been making a remarkable effort in the language area, which has resulted in advanced vocabulary, fluency in spoken language, reading and also improved writing skills. We came across some complex terms when learning about life cycles and it was a treat to see how soon the children were able to memorize and say them. The children are now more familiar with the term 'verb', and are able to pinpoint the verb in any given phrase or sentence.

Our math area has not been short of progress either. Many of our children have started practicing division and are beginning to understand how often we come across this concept in our everyday living. The Montessori materials always make the learning process even more interesting.

We thank our wonderful parents for the lovely International Lunch Day; indeed it was yet another treat for children and adults likewise. Our theme for next month is 'Professions' and we are confident that it shall be another fantastic month full of exploration and discovery. We wish the children all the very best.

Rainbow Team





ARABIC

Star

This month we mainly talked about the life cycle of humans, butterflies and frogs. We learned the letters 'sh' or ش and 'R' or ر. We learned the color brown and revised all our shapes. Finally, we practiced counting and memorized the numbers from 1-30.



Rainbow 1 and 2

It was a beautiful month with lots of new vocabulary related to life cycles (e.g. human-frog-butterfly-bird-chicken). We also learned a new color (gray) and a new shape (cylinder). We can now recognize the letters 'Aa' or ع and 'F' or ف. Every day during circle time, we counted from 1-40 and sang new songs.





P.E.



This month P.E. was extra special as we celebrated Bahrain Sports Day on the 14th. As always, Coach Amr knows how to get the kids motivated and moving in the right way! Fitness and fun combined!



MUSIC



We really enjoyed learning and practicing new songs for the grand opening of the Morning Star. We also enjoyed making lots of interesting sounds with different instruments .

PTA

Family International Lunch Day

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents and teachers who helped in making the International Lunch a success! It turned out wonderful and really gave everyone an opportunity to say hello and meet one another. It also showed off people's cooking skills! It couldn't have been made a reality without you! We will be having another PTA meeting next month before this term ends. We will be discussing and swapping ideas for the next event that is Easter. We hope to see you there!

Bake Sale

The weekly bake sale has really gone off with a hit and its showing everyone's awesome baking skills! Thank you for donating to the PTA fund! The money will ensure great plans for the children!

If you would like to sign up, please sign up at the Children's House or the Morning Star. Please look on the sign-up sheet to see when you would like to bring your goodies! We need about 24 pieces for the Children's House and 10-15 for the Morning Star.

Weekly Mystery Reader

Please don't forget we have a sign-up sheet for being a weekly mystery reader. This gives parents an opportunity to choose a book from their home library and surprise their child's class with a book as well as surprise their child! Sign up today at The Children's House or The Morning Star!

Thank you so much for your continued support and all that you do.

PTA Representative Tanja Andrews

