

K red and K yellow Information Letter

Unit Focus: Winter

It will only be a few more weeks before the season changes to winter and the weather becomes colder. Therefore we will start with our new unit: "Winter / Winter Celebrations".

We will explore the word 'weather' and look at what clothes to wear in the winter time. The children will have an opportunity to learn some related songs and do some creative art work. We will focus on the colors white, gold, green and red.

During this lovely time of the year, we will start to work on our Festival of Lights (FOL) performance which happens to be about 'winter' too. More information about the FOL will be sent home soon.

As we get closer to the end of this term, we will talk about winter 'celebrations' like Christmas, the upcoming Christmas holiday and the Chinese New Year.

Please don't forget to check out our K class web site:

www.kclasses.weebly.com

We have been adding activities, new songs (lyrics and music), some information and lots of new photos of our children.



Mother Tongue Story Telling (MTST)

This month on Wednesday, November 14th, the K's and K1's will have our first session of Mother Tongue Story-telling (MTST).

Since this was a great success last year, we have decided to continue with this fun activity and are looking forward to this event.

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Upcoming dates for you to mark in your calendar:

November 14th 2012: MTST

November 29th 2012 : UPTA Meeting

December 14th 2012 : Festival of Lights (FOL)

December 19th 2012 : MTST

December 20th 2012 : UPTA Meeting

December 20th 2012 : Last day of Semester

Middle Years ESL Students Visit K Classes

It was the end of October when some of the Middle School ESL students came to our classrooms to do storytelling with our little ones. Storytelling and library sessions have been the children's favorites times of the day.

Mr. David Leadbetter, an ESL teacher in the Middle School, introduced himself and his students to the children. He read a big book called *Over in the Meadow* which was about counting animals. The children were very excited and listened attentively to his amazing storytelling voice. He made the book come alive as he encouraged the children to copy the voice of the animals in the book and even act out the movements.



The ESL students were quiet at first but they were risk-takers. The students read a big book called 'Thumble Bumble' which was also about animals. They even stayed a little longer in our classroom and spent some time playing with the children.

This event is an example of our commitment to bringing different elements of the school community together in order to enhance learning. A photo below shows how the K children took action to do storytelling with their peers shortly after the middle years students left the classroom.



Since this storytelling session was so successful, we have decided to plan for more to happen in the near future. We like to thank Mr. David Leadbetter for organizing this special session.