



Upcoming Events:

4th January 2018

22nd January

23rd January

24th January

25th January

29th January

TBC

School Reopens

Students to wear red clothes to school

Students to wear yellow clothes

Students to wear blue clothes

Students to wear a colour from our flag

Students come in fancy dress

PEP Talks

School & Daycare Holidays:

2nd January 2018

15th January

26th January

PD Day

Pongal/Makar Sakranthi

Republic Day



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! On behalf of our entire team at TLC I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful 2018. Welcome to a new term at TLC Montessori Preschool. Over the break, there was a lot of action that took place in the school. Specifically, work was done to complete a few more of the processes needed for our ISO certification and as usual, we always have a Professional Development Day for our teachers, so they are ready to welcome our students with their usual care and enthusiasm.

This is the Kinder Music month. Young children are curious learners, they enjoy new experiences. We will take this opportunity to introduce music in a fun and creative way through beats and tempos, simple instruments and also using our bodies. Fingers can snap, hands can clap, feet can stomp and march and our mouths can whistle and sing. A great way for you to extend your child's interest is to use everyday objects found in the house like pots and pans, metal ladles, pot covers, wooden spoons, salt and pepper shakers, bubble wrap etc. to create various sounds at home.

The ECA this month is Go Green. We cannot stop waste production entirely, but everyone can make a significant contribution. Think before you bin! It saves energy and natural resources, helps to reduce pollution and reduces the need for landfill. So join your children in the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle drive this month.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support your child, and understand what your child is learning, please do try to attend the PEP talks. We organise these talks so that we can have an open and transparent discussion about your children and their learning. I have come to understand that we are all the same worried parents at heart, just wanting what is best for our children. We are here to help you, when you feel like you need support. We know that it takes a village to bring up a child, so let us be your village.

Over the year, we have seen that our children are motivated, enthusiastic and love to learn. For this I would like to thank you, parents for all the support you give your children, our teachers for their patience and hard work, the staff of TLC, who ensure that we have a clean and bright environment and the management team that runs TLC like clock work. As **Lewis Carroll** says, "One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others."

Kind Regards,

Usha Lamba
Chief Executive Officer



New Year Resolutions

It's a brand new year! If you feel that you made parenting blunders over the past 12 months, it's time to make some resolutions to be more patient, more present and maybe more enthusiastic? Here are a few ideas that I have tried in the past.

Replace "don't" with "do". I found that offering my children choices of what my children can do, rather than tell them what they can't do, made it easier because they still felt in control, and there was no power struggle. Positive relationships with parents, teachers and other caregivers provide the foundation for a successful and happy child. They are the building blocks for your child's self esteem and ability to empathize and predict future positive behavior choices. The manner in which you talk to your child has a significant impact on behavior. Making positive changes to your communication style can be hard work, but with a little practice, you will see a big difference in your relationship with your child. Your child will feel more encouraged, positive and independent and, as a result, you will enjoy better overall cooperation.

Be More Present: At TLC, many of you work full time jobs, and feel the strain of expectations of how to raise your children by the community. Personally, I never had any family living nearby to help me with my 3 children, and my husband's job made him travel for 80% of the time. I found that the days I woke up tired because I was working till late in the night, I was a cranky mother. Sleep is very important. Unplugging from devices which include the phone, the laptop and the TV and spending that time with the children is invaluable.

Plan Ahead: None of us have the time to do more work, but if we are more conscious about the time, and plan our schedules ahead, we can actually create experiences which our children will remember rather than letting chaos unfold. There are simple things that children enjoy. Digging for worms, running around playing tag, or lock and key, putting on a show, hitting the ball around. Make space in your day for these.

Pause when your child is acting out. Reclaim your peaceful centre, and you will notice that this will just dilute the issue, and your child will learn to behave.

It's easy to let one task lead to another and never actually make time to do the things you want to do in a day, specially connecting with your children. So make time for it. Put it on your calendar and honor that half hour or hour. If you are at work, make sure to leave in time to make that special family bonding experience happen.

Daycare At TLC

TLC's care program includes activities and experiences which will encourage and support all children, the TLC-ites and the children who come in for After School care. We focus on the areas as below:

Communication and Language: Children listen attentively in a range of situations to their teachers or their peers. At story time, they listen to stories and can anticipate and respond to what they hear with comments, questions and actions. This shows us that they can answer the 'how' and 'why' questions in response to stories or events. We encourage children to express themselves effectively using, past, present and future tenses accurately when developing their own narratives and connecting ideas and events.

Physical Development: Children show good control and coordination with both gross and fine motor skills. They are confident and safe in negotiating space, and handling classroom tools effectively, including pencils, rulers and safety scissors. Children know the importance of good health and exercise, through the activities we do at TLC. We give them the chance to be responsible for their own basic needs, teaching them to dress independently and use the toilet by themselves.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We help children develop self confidence and self awareness by helping them to speak up in a familiar group, talk about their ideas, and ask for help when they need assistance. We discuss feelings and help manage behaviour through our Grace & Courtesy and Kindness weeks. Children play cooperatively with one another, taking turns with their peers. They learn how to work in a team showing sensitivity to others needs and ideas.

Literacy: We help children with their reading and writing skills depending on their level at school. For children who use the after-school care, we check their homework and help them revise what they have learned in school.

Math: Children solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing. We talk about everyday riddles using size, weight, distance, time and money to compare quantities and to solve problems. This helps them understand mathematical language in their own communities. Again, for older children, we help them with their homework.

Understanding the World: Our daycare curriculum includes interesting topics such as Apples, or Bears. Children talk about events in their own lives or in the lives of their friends and community. They learn about the similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They observe plants and animals, and understand how they grow and develop. Children use technology for various purposes.

Art & Design: We sing songs, make music, dance and experiment with colour, design and texture, stories, role plays and drama, giving children many opportunities to be imaginative.

If you are interested in understanding more about our daycare, please do drop into the office.

Unit's Of Inquiry (UOI's)

TLC's UOI's are designed to stimulate imagination, creativity and self-discovery in our young students. Reflecting our international context, our curriculum draws from the best curricula globally, and is delivered within the Montessori framework. Warm and nurturing learning environments support our inquiry and play-based approach, ensuring our children develop the knowledge and skills needed for their future academic success.

Units of Inquiry in January:

Taking care of the Earth, Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Pollution, Shapes and Colours
Fun with Shapes and Colours

Science:

Gravity

Geography:

The Solar System and the planets

Day Care UOI's:

Chocolate, Mangoes, Marigolds, Snakes

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