



Upcoming Events:

7th – 11th August 2017

Love Our Animals Week

14th August 2017

Ethnic Day

14th – 18th August 2017

National Week

28th – 31st August 2017

Family Cook Off

School & Daycare Holidays In August:

4th August 2017

Var Mahalakshmi

15th August 2017

Independence Day

25th August 2017

Ganesh Chaturthi



Dear Parents,

As always, we have much to celebrate and thank you for this month! Our Family Day and PEP talks in July were amazing opportunities for our children and parent community to meet and interact with each other and with our teachers. Thank you for participating in these events.

Our team is looking forward to next month as we maximise each opportunity for our students learning here at TLC. Our teachers play a crucial role in getting students working together, motivating them and engaging them in thinking for learning. The relationship between your child, teachers and you cannot be underestimated. Thank you for ensuring you communicate directly with us so that we can understand each other and how best to support your child.

The UOI for the month of August will cover Animals, Parent and Babies, Animal Cries, Animal Food, Animal Habitat, Animal Products, Animals Movements and Special Features of Animals. There is definitely something special about children's interest in animals. Research shows that humans' innate interest in animals is biological: we are drawn to species that are "other" than human and in many cases have an instinct to want to care for or nurture creatures that are small and vulnerable.

The ECA (Extra Curricular Activity) is Kinder Cooking. Most kids love to cook, it's hands on, it's messy and there's plenty of room for creativity, not to mention a sense of achievement at the end. We teach your children this life skill and if you combine it with allowing your child to participate in making a meal over the weekend, then you've set them up for life.

This month, we look forward to meeting many of you during the fun Family Cook Off Event, which will give your family a unique opportunity to work together as a team and create a memorable experience.

We appreciate your partnership in helping us create the best possible conditions for learning.

Enjoy your month!

Kind Regards,

Usha Lamba
Chief Executive Officer

ECA: Kinder Cooking

From riding a tricycle to getting dressed, pre-schoolers are learning how much they can do all by themselves.

At TLC, we like to foster an interest in food and cooking that will last a lifetime. We have a fireless policy at school, so the cooking we do involves some simple pre-preparation on the part of our teachers, while the children do the simple tasks such as pouring liquids, sprinkling cheese or mashing potatoes.

This year our School Coordinator, Cherry Gomes, will be coordinating the cooking experiences in all campuses. Cherry is an amazing cook and has always been responsible for this activity and for providing snacks during our parent meetings.

As a culmination of the Kinder Cooking Extra-curricular Activity, we will have a Family Cook Off Event. It will involve a simple recipe, few ingredients, plenty of laughter and a sprinkling of Tender Loving Care (TLC).

We will send out more information on how you can participate in this event, but in the meantime, please block off the date.

Remember, creating these memories with your family ensures that everybody is a winner!

Science At TLC

At TLC, we use science as a way to nurture your child's interest in the natural world. We conduct simple experiments, which are hands-on opportunities for children to try for themselves. An example of this is Floating and Sinking, which is a set of science activities that encourage children to play in water, exploring the concept of buoyancy, and making some cool contraptions.

Experiments with ice cubes introduce children to the aspects of the scientific method and the 3 states of matter.

Using scientific tools motivates children to take measurements, thus developing their fine motor skills.

Through science we aim to awaken your child's natural sense of adventure and curiosity, help your child develop his/her own understanding of the natural world, encourage your child to be a persistent problem solver, and introduce your child to basic elements of scientific reasoning such as seeking evidence, testing and making predictions.

"Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients, recipes, and cooking, it's about harnessing imagination, empowerment, and creativity." Guy Fieri





UOI IN AUGUST: ANIMALS

Supporting children in their growing awareness and interest in animals can lead to deeper feelings of empathy in young children, more positive classroom relationships, and social-emotional development. As children have experiences with animals, they learn about differences and similarities, needs (such as for food, shelter, water and space), and compassion and empathy can grow and deepen. How can you support children's love for animals? Early childhood is a great time to introduce concepts of kindness, care and respect for animals. Consider these ideas:

1. Set up a bird feeding area outside your window or in another location where your child will be able to view birds.

2. Venture outside often! As mentioned, the sight of a common squirrel or even a trail of ants on a sidewalk can be exciting and special. If you do come across wildlife, allow your child to observe and share their discoveries. Encourage their questions and conversations.

- Encourage (but don't force) quiet observation. Most of the animals you'll likely encounter (squirrels, insects, birds) are accustomed to humans, so often they won't be too afraid of noisy, excited children. If your child's outbursts do frighten the animals away, just use that as an opportunity to make a scientific observation about the effects of noise on animals. As you know, it's very hard for young children to stay silent when they are excited and surprised!
- Be matter of fact about a "no squishing bugs" rule (please have one) rather than shaming your child for squishing a bug. Often children simply don't expect to kill insects when they step on them, and children can be quite upset to learn that the bug has died.
- Look and listen for evidence of animals every time you are outdoors. You may see tracks, nests, or other signs of animals. You may hear birds chattering in the cold winter morning. Allow the children to point out their observations and the "clues" that wildlife is everywhere.
- Encourage children to think about "what it's like to be that duck" (or squirrel, or ant....). This invitation to imagine not only builds vocabulary and language skills, but it also helps children develop the habit of perspective taking, which is another term for empathy.
- If you have a pet, encourage your child to participate in caring for the animal. Feeding, changing water, and even decorating an animal's cage or tank can be important ways for young children to take responsibility for the care of a living, vulnerable creature, and develop confidence in themselves and their abilities as well. (Note: Children should always wash hands after handling animals or animal care items.)



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 August:

Animals, Parent and Babies, Animal Cries, Animal Food, Animal Habitat, Animal Products, Animals Movements and Special Features of Animals

Science:

Animal Grouping, Birds and Insects, Vertebrates and Invertebrates

Geography:

Land, Air Water, Continents, Oceans, World Map

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