



### Upcoming Events:

**9<sup>th</sup> December** **TLC Annual Carnival**

**15<sup>th</sup> December** **Culmination Day**

### School & Daycare Holidays:

**1<sup>st</sup> December** **EID Milad**

**25<sup>th</sup> December** **Christmas**

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018** **PD Day**

### School Holidays:

**25<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January** **School Break**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2018** **School Reopens**



Dear Parents,

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”  
– Hellen Keller

I just left Bangalore last week impressed by our little sportsmen. Getting on to the field, and doing the races and drills, presenting oneself with confidence and capability are some of the skills that these children will value even when they are adults. Congratulations to all our students and teachers for a job well done.

Bringing in the festival spirit this month will be easy for our students. They love singing Jingle bells and rhymes about other festivals like Holi and EID. The children get very excited about the Carnival, which will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, so please book the date. Our teachers provide students with long lasting impressionistic lessons for this UOI that reinforce the idea that people around the world have distinctive yet similar celebrations. Students retain the joy of celebrations as they learn about a variety of cultural observances. Learning about different cultures embraces the Montessori principals of inclusion and peace and helps students understand that celebrations have had a great significance to people throughout time and across all cultures. Festivals are a way that people come together to worship that which they hold dear, to rejoice, and usually to feast with their community and families. The message is clear: it is wonderful to be different and honor what is unique about each culture and person, but let us celebrate our humanity together.

As my parting words for this year, I believe a positive environment engenders confidence within students and the skills necessary to thrive in school. Helen Keller is right (see the opening quotation) which means our students are receiving the necessary tools to be world-class achievers. The world needs optimists today more than ever. And people who are optimists have better lives. Optimism, or the conviction that things will work out in the end, is a cornerstone of resilience, and an asset in achieving any kind of success. Research shows that optimists, who believe they can achieve success, are in fact more able to do so. They are less likely to get depressed, get fewer illnesses, have longer relationships, and live longer. The best way to help out children become optimistic is to model optimistic behaviour. Your view of the world and your prospects within it communicates itself to your child daily.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Safe journey to those of you who are travelling and a safe return back home in time to join us again in 2018.

Kind Regards,

Usha Lamba  
Chief Executive Officer



# TLC & My Child

At TLC Montessori Preschool we nurture a child's intrinsic desire to learn and explore the world around. We focus on the whole child – the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. We are also happy to meet with the child's family, at any stage and talk through problems that may exist between parents, or with the elders in the family. We do this, so that our little students can have the extension of a conducive environment both at home and at school, and we can all partner together to raise well rounded children.

Children learn by exploring and manipulating specially designed materials. Each material teaches one concept or skill at a time, and lays a foundation from which students can comprehend increasingly abstract ideas. Those of you who have visited classrooms at TLC, may have noticed that it is beautifully prepared, inviting children to explore different curriculum areas, containing a sequential array of lessons, waiting to be learned. As our little students go through the sequence, they build and expand on lessons already mastered. They develop skills which will help them face challenges in the future – independence, creativity, confidence and satisfaction.

We keep a track of every child's progress, as we closely observe them and their readiness to move on to a new lesson. Our worksheets and art is also designed to understand the child's level of knowledge. With this information, the teacher fills in the record cards, which is a guide for our conversations with parents at culmination days, where we can discuss the child's future learning. Parents also get to see the portfolio that demonstrates how the child has progressed over time. We know parents get a little worried and like to know how their child is compared to other children in the same class. We do not test and grade our young students, however, we do track their progress in relation to developmental norms. If we have any concerns, we approach you and set up a meeting to discuss ways of collaborating.

Children who have graduated from TLC and have joined primary schools have adapted easily to the traditional classroom setting. The feedback we have received from our alumni parent community, is that their children tend to be self-poised and work at a higher level than most of their peers.

## Vacation Ideas for TLC Parents

School holidays were probably my favourite part of school life, but for many parents the idea of having their children at home can be daunting. Sticking to bedtime, schedules and routines depends on you, however, I would allow for some flexibility around numerous spontaneous activities that may present themselves to you.

On the first day of the break, visit the library or a book shop. Encourage your child to choose a book that has large pictures and some words that she can recognise. If your child is in the Rangers class, then buying a blank book and encouraging her to record something in the book everyday helps with literacy. Journaling her feelings and things that she is doing during the break can become a family tradition for you.

Historic homes, farms, zoos, walking trails and many other interesting opportunities that are close to home can be fun and educational adventures. Take small field trips throughout the break and include your Montessori child in the planning.

If they aren't doing so already, this is the perfect time to encourage their assistance with planning meals for the week, grocery shopping, and meal preparation. Tending to (or starting) a family garden is work that will see delicious rewards. Do you have a clothesline? If not, install one immediately. Your children will love snapping wet laundry, hanging it on the line, and wagering how quickly it will dry in the sunshine.

A scavenger hunt can be a great option for a rainy day, but on a sunny day you can include botany related clues outdoors. The hunt can be fun and educational in origin, testing your children's knowledge or getting her to perform some activities, for example, a clue is at the bottom of a bowl of potatoes that need to be peeled. Another clue may appear on the washing machine when the cycle is complete. The possibilities are endless; a scavenger hunt is something that may be done several times throughout the break.

Want to be more environmentally conscious but can't decide what to do? Let your child help you decide and implement the 3 R's at home.

When school's out, TLC's excellent Daycare is open for children of all ages, including school-agers and those who don't attend our school during the rest of the year.

The Winter Break program brings learning and fun together—and the best part? We help children build their potential by encouraging them to choose their own learning activities, work in groups, and stay active. You can sign your children up for one day or every day—whatever works best for you!

## 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 December:

Festivals

### Science:

Weights and Balances, Magnetic Attraction, Magnification, Heat and Ice Melting

### Geography:

Mapping

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