



Koramangala



2 October 2015

Week At A Glance



Inside

News From Classrooms

An update from every teacher on what your children have learned over this week.

From The Director

Dear Parents,

Our students appear to be flourishing and it is heartening to see them engaged in significant learning. It is reaffirming to see the relationships established between the students and teachers and the lovely friendships that have developed amongst the children.

This was evident during the Fruit and Vegetable Bazaar where the children were thrilled to see their teachers dressed up like vendors.

Please feel free to send me feedback or new ideas for school or our Newsletter.

Kind Regards,

Usha Lamba
Director



News From Our Classrooms

An update from the teachers

Explorers and Adventurers

The last week of September was all about revising and what better way to do it than a Fruit and Vegetable Bazaar which ended a fabulous month at TLC. Much awaited and looked forward to, this Bazaar was a culmination of everything taught throughout the month.

With the teachers dressing up as fruit and vegetable vendors, crying out the prices of whatever they were selling it was a pleasure to see the amazement and joy on the faces of the little ones as they came with an environment friendly bag to pick out their favourite fruits and vegetables. Greatly enjoyed and highly informative the TLC Annual Bazaar was a huge success amongst the class of Explorers and Adventures.

Artwork this week was a mix of colourful activities aimed at covering all new words and concepts introduced in September.

In the area of Montessori the children

work with different apparatus and are slowly getting more confident in their work. From sorting according to colour to pouring liquids from one container into another each child now is given a chance to choose whichever activity he or she would like to work with.

Special Thursday was Group Art and Craft this week and the children started off the new month of October and the new UOI with a chart on the season of summer.

Next week we will be talking about the different seasons with the help of related songs and interesting artwork.

Discoverers

We finally ended an interesting month of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Our children have had an interesting month. They have learnt to identify different fruits, vegetables and flowers based on colour, size and classification.

We had special cooking with fruits and vegetables, we had a bazaar, we played phonetic games and guessing games with the class.

Sponge dabbling, vegetable mobile making, ear bud printing helped the children bring forth their creativity.

Some of our favourite moments were bringing in a fruit, vegetable and flower to school to show our friends.

We enjoyed the fruit and vegetable bazaar where we shopped to our heart's content with our mamas and pappas.

This week the young Discoverers learned about Gandhiji on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti-worksheets were coloured and Bapuji's stories were retold.

Montessori – Colour Box 1, Pink Tower and Cylinder Blocks were revised.

Group Art- Included an activity on seasons, which is our next UOI.

Enquirers

The Enquirers finished up their month long Unit Of Inquiry with a week peppered with fun and excitement. They trooped into school last Wednesday with their parents to shop for fruits and vegetables and were amazed to see their teachers squatting on the lawns, calling out to them to pick the freshest of bargains. Most of them could not take their eyes off their lovely teachers and beautiful sarees, sporting a luxurious moustache and a turban, selling vegetables guaranteed to make them big and strong. Some laughed at the teacher's attire, while some shyly watched. But most importantly, they all knew their fruits and vegetables and helped their parents shop for them.

Back in class, they created a garden of flowers and a cap of fruits. We spoke to them about Gandhi Jayanti and they happily coloured art sheets commemorating the Father of our Nation. We added two new songs to circle time, "Oranges and lemon" and "Under the apple tree my mother told me."

Thursday also set in our new UOI, Seasons ...for which the children put together a chart showing a typical winter using swathes of cotton for creating snow and a snowman.

In Montessori, number cards, number pairing and counting and fabric box activities were done.

Rangers 1

This week the Rangers class presented their first assembly where they started off with a prayer song 'Gods love is so wonderful'. As we have been learning about plant kingdom this month, it only seemed apt that the children sang the song 'Farmer plants a seed' which describes the journey from a tiny seed to becoming a big tree. They also performed for the song 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and a small presentation of having a happy day at school was delivered and they concluded the assembly by singing a song on 'Happiness'.

This week we have been talking to the children on how to care for plants and they have been solving worksheets. We have also been revisiting the previous topics as we concluded the UOI on the plant kingdom. On the 1st of October we moved on to our next unit of Inquiry on 'Seasons' and since it was a special Thursday children enjoyed doing a group art activity on the theme 'Autumn'.

In Montessori children did the Addition Strip Board and were introduced to Reading the Pink Series, which consists of three letter phonetic words.

As the nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the 2nd of October we spoke to the children about Bapuji and his tremendous contribution to the nation in getting us our independence from the British and the children watched a video 'Father of our Nation' and coloured a picture of Gandhiji and took it home.

The highlight of the month was however was our very own "TLC Vegetable and Fruit Bazaar" which was organised on the last

day of the month. This was a fitting finale to our unit of inquiry on the plant kingdom; children came with their parents and enjoyed shopping with them.

Rangers 2

The end of an interesting and fascinating month- The fruit, vegetable and flower UOI was discussed in great detail and the class of Rangers has a clear understanding of the entire plant kingdom.

The UOI was discussed as part of our Science Curriculum as well- where the children explored the process of germination and photosynthesis. They saw the actual experiment as part of the 'Steam September' month.

They enjoyed bringing their favourite fruit, vegetable and flowers, and also enjoyed the fruit and vegetable bazaar where they shopped to their heart's content. They enjoyed watching our teachers dressed up as vegetable vendors.

Geography-We continued to learn about rivers, oceans and mountains and the physical classification of our country India.

Montessori- Children did – Gustatory jars, Olfactory jars, conduct with visitors, speaking to a group, behaviour on an outing and behaviour on special occasions.

Scholars

Children are like sponges, soaking up every verbal and nonverbal interaction. They ask so many questions, they want to know so much that at times we feel an encyclopedia would fall short to answer them.

Science- Last week in science we spoke about the parts of a leaf and a flower, and this week we shall understand the concept of pollination. To understand this concept we need to know why flowers are so bright in colour! The reason to this is that bright colours of a flower attracts insect. In pollination bugs, birds, animals, insects and humans play a very important role as they are the carriers to pollination.

We also spoke about carnivorous plants like Venus Flytrap, Pitcher plant and many more, as these plants live in poor and wet soil they do not get enough nutrients in the soil. They did plenty of worksheets and multimedia work to understand all the new concepts taught to them over the week.

Geography - Last week children took a trip in the time capsule and visited the era of great kings. This week children learn about the important states in India.

To understand the location of each city children shall be colouring and map pointing each city.

Language - In language this week children will be doing a lot of revision work. They will be doing worksheets on writing 3 letter words with a,e,i,o,u and writing the days of the week. Besides doing their regular notebooks children will also be learning and revising blends. Sight words and verbs will also be revised.

Math - Besides their regular notebooks they shall be revising and doing worksheets on ascending and descending order, expanding numbers and forming them into compact form, doing addition and subtraction by borrowing method. They also will be learning number names from 20 to 50.

Hindi - Children continue to do their regular workbooks

This week in group activity children shall be doing a joint art on the father of the nation and we shall also be talking about Gandhiji's life.

Next week we shall introduce new topic in science on states of matter and in geography we shall talk about our neighbouring countries. In language and math we shall continue to do lot of revision on topics and worksheets done in the last 3 months.

Upcoming Events

Special Thursday 8 September: Cooking

Friday 9 September: 'In the Sun'. Children will come dressed in summer clothes/Beach Wear.



www.tlc-montessori.com

This Newsletter is written and compiled by our Director and CEO, Usha Lamba. Please send your Feedback and comments to: usha.tlc@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/montessoribangalore>

